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# School's governing body vows to oppose plans for Y Bont Faen Primary

**THE governing body of Y Bont Faen Primary School has vowed to oppose the Vale Council's plans to build a new school in the grounds of Cowbridge Comprehensive.**

The governors are asking local people to support them and respond to a Vale Council consultation on the issue – the consultation closes on January 10, 2020.

The governors fully accept that the building is in no great shape – blaming a "despicable lack of investment" by the Vale Council.

However, a new school in the grounds of the comprehensive would mean that the headteacher and governing body would not be needed, with all children coming under the direction of the existing secondary school head and governors.

The chair of governors, Terry Williams, told The GEM: "The Vale Council is pushing its preferred option of creating an all-through school of age three to age 19, which will see the closure of Y Bont Faen Primary School.

"In Cowbridge we are fortunate to have very good schools, including a comprehensive school, an English medium primary and a Welsh medium primary. We realise that the state of the buildings in the primary sector is far from satisfactory, and this sadly reflects a despicable lack of investment by the local authority in the maintenance and upkeep of the buildings over many years.

"A proposal such as this is certainly not based on the performance of the pupils at the school.

"As a governing body at Y Bont Faen Primary, we would welcome a new school which is fit for purpose in the 21st century. We cannot see the benefits of creating an all-through school. There is no empirical evidence to show that all-through schools perform any better than specialist nursery, or primary schools.

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# Mountain trek drums up £20,000 for charity

*ABOVE: Fundraisers take a quick break from their gruelling challenge to pose for a photo.*

For the full story and more photos see page five.

**TWO women from the Vale of Glamorgan joined forces with some famous faces recently for a gruelling charity challenge.**

Kay Collingridge and Katie Dobson spent eight days trekking through the Himalayas with reality TV stars, a singer and actress.

Their charity adventure saw them raise an impressive £20,000 for breast cancer awareness charity CoppaFeel!

Actress and Loose Women regular Nadia Sawalha, The Saturday's singer Frankie Bridge and Love Island contestants Olivia Buckland and Alex Bowen were just a few of the celebs who also took part in the adventure.

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## Grateful thanks for help

**THANK you to the very kind people who helped my husband and I when we were involved in a car accident two weeks last Sunday in Ogmore.**

We were walking wounded and taken to the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend. We were shaken, but not stirred!

A lady in yellow wellies phoned the emergency services and a very kind lady took my Westie Rosie home to my neighbour in Rhoose for us.

Thank you all again for the kindness shown to us.

**Penny and Vic Harris, Rhoose.**

## Support children with cancer this Christmas

**CHRISTMAS is a magical time for families to enjoy all the lovely things about the festive season – from decorating the tree to visiting Santa's Grotto, to spending time with your loved ones.**

But when you're a child going through cancer treatment, that's all at risk.

I work for CLIC Sargent, the UK's leading cancer charity for children and young people, and we've started our Christmas campaign this December to highlight how cancer can cost children their Christmas. We are now asking the public for their support so that we can be there for these families helping to keep them together this festive season, and beyond.

With the community's support, donations will help fund CLIC Sargent's Homes from Home service, which provides free accommodation for families near hospitals, so they can be close to their child while facing cancer this Christmas. Your support will also mean CLIC Sargent social workers, based in hospitals and out in the community can be there to provide practical, emotional and financial support.

As well as donating, there are other ways to support children and young people with cancer this Christmas, from collecting stamps to visiting the charity's online shop for Christmas shopping.

As we approach the end of the year, I'd like to say a personal thank you to everyone in the community who has supported CLIC Sargent this year. Your help and generosity means CLIC Sargent can continue to be there for more children and young people in south Wales facing cancer.

To donate to CLIC Sargent's Christmas appeal and for more information, visit www.clicsargent.org.uk/christmas, call 0300 330 0803 or text GIVE to 70030 to donate £5. Texts cost £5 plus one standard network rate message. CLIC Sargent will receive 100% of your donation. To opt out of calls, text NOCALL CLIC to 78866. To opt out of SMS, text NOSMS CLIC to 78866. (Texts will be charged at your network's standard message charge.) If you have any questions, call CLIC Sargent on 0300 3300803. Registered charity in England and Wales (1107328) and Scotland (SC039857).

**Cerys Sadler, CLIC Sargent South and Mid Wales Fundraising Engagement Manager.**

## A plea to fishermen to think of safety

**IT was a beautiful Monday morning at Barry Island, cold, dry and frosty with a stunning sunrise and I was thoroughly enjoying my morning walk with the dogs until we got up onto Friars Point.**

I suddenly noticed that my Jack Russell was chomping on something and luckily I was close at hand to see what was happening. She had got hold of a fishing hook still with part of the line and bait attached, which is what attracted her, and fortunately I managed to carefully extract it from her mouth without problems.

It would have been a total 'dogtastrophe' if she had chewed on it or even managed to swallow it as it could have embedded in her cheek, tongue or gullet.

No one wants to stop people enjoying their leisure pursuits and I know people fish overnight, but they do use lanterns and head torches which are very bright and hopefully clean up after themselves.

This is a simple plea to all fishermen to think of other people's safety – please be careful with hooks and don't leave them lying around, this one could have been picked up by a child or a dog could have stepped on it or worse still, swallowed it.

**Joy Strangward, Barry.**

## Why so many empty properties?

**BEING a regular visitor to Bridgend, I have noticed the number of properties still unoccupied in the town.**

Being a former postman, I have noticed that the former Post Office is still empty after many years. The Dunraven Hotel and York pub are also still empty.

Local people ask 'What are BCBC doing about it?", but in my opinion, they should ask "What are the owners of the properties doing about it?"

I understand that a family in the area own a lot of land and properties – I cannot understand why they do not work with BCBC when grants are available to improve these properties.

On a positive note, I have noticed excellent work being carried out in Nolton Street by BCBC for the local housing association.

**Jeff Williams, Bridgend.**

## NFU Cymru says BBC documentary was unfair to Welsh farmers

**IT'S high time the BBC introduced the same investigative 'reality check' for its own commissioned programmes as it does for statements made by others who hold positions of responsibility and influence in public life.**

I refer to the *Meat: A Threat to our Planet* documentary aired by the BBC on Monday, November 25, which failed to accurately explain to the British public the environmental impact of eating meat.

The hour-long documentary focused almost entirely on American production systems that bear no resemblance to farming systems here in the UK, leaving the audience with the misleading impression that all meat is produced in this way.

The reality of food production here in Wales is very different; Welsh farmers produce some of the most climate friendly meat in the world and have an ambition to reach net zero agricultural emissions by 2040.

The distinct lack of context in the broadcast meant viewers were not notified that Welsh beef production systems are 2.5 times more efficient than the global average.

Nor were viewers informed that the vast majority of Welsh beef is produced using grass-based diets, with over 85 per cent of the water used to produce a kilogram of beef coming from rainfall.

The important message consumers should be getting is they can purchase Welsh produce safe in the knowledge that they are buying a safe, quality and affordable product that has been produced to the highest animal welfare and sustainability standards.

**John Davies, NFU Cymru President**

## Coffee morning success

**ON behalf of the Cowbridge Committee of Cancer Research UK, I would like to thank the supporters of our recent coffee morning in the Penny Farthing Cafe when the event raised more than £1,000.**

Thanks also go to the cafe staff and Mo, who helped the morning run so smoothly.

The committee appreciates the help Cowbridge and surrounding areas give to raising funds for Cancer Research and to The GEM for publicising these efforts.

**Fran Davies, on behalf of Cowbridge Committee for Cancer Research UK.**

## 'Wowed' of Llantwit Major says...

**WOW – Llantwit Major has been transformed to a wonderful winter wonderland scene thanks to the fantastic lights and Christmas trees that envelope the town.**

Congratulations to all those involved for doing an amazing job. This year's lights are the best – ever.

**Beryl Vaughan, Llantwit Major.**

## Thanks to some Good Samaritans

**THANK you to the people who helped me move my car to a safe place after I broke down at Barry Island Harbour Rd traffic lights late Tuesday evening.**

I panicked and forgot to thank them properly.

**Jenny Dumble, BARRY.**

## Local generosity benefited Poppy Appeal

**AFTER the commemoration of the centenary of World War One last year, there was some concern that the Poppy Appeal this year could be a bit of an anticlimax – anything but!**

The businesses, schools, people, and organisations of Cowbridge and the surrounding villages were, once again, exceedingly generous with their donations, clearly demonstrating their support for the Poppy Appeal.

The large poppies on lamp posts remembering the men who gave their lives were in evidence in Cowbridge, Llanblethian, Llysworney, Pendoylan and St Mary Church; those in St Mary Church were made by the Llanfair school children.

In Cowbridge, around 100 local businesses displayed the large felt poppies, publicly showing their support of the appeal.

Of these, 20-plus went further and helped Paint the Town Red by producing some very attractive and highly imaginative window displays.

All these factors combined to create a very positive ambience throughout the area.

I must pass on my sincere thanks to all who supported the 2019 Poppy Appeal, the people, businesses, schools, local organisations and charities that combined to make the event a success.

Outstanding this year were Cowbridge Comprehensive School who contributed almost £1,000 to the appeal; indicative perhaps that the younger generation also understand and appreciate the sacrifices made by our brave service personnel.

I must also publicly thank all the volunteer collectors who worked so hard, sometimes in the most diabolical weather conditions.

They are an exceptional team to work with and I thank each and every one for their tremendous support.

The total collected this year in the schools, shops, businesses and on the streets this year was almost £15,500; marginally down on last year which we knew was exceptional, but still a very creditable amount.

Next year the 75th anniversary of both VE and VJ day, and the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain will once again bring to the fore the contribution made to the country by our armed services: making 2020 just that little bit special.

If you would like to be part of it and help with the Poppy Appeal collection or in any other way, please contact me on 01446 774306.

**David Howell, Poppy Appeal Organiser, Cowbridge.**

**Send us your letters, stories, photos and sports reports**

### HIGH TIDE TIMES

*The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tides times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.*

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| 05/12/2019 | 12.53 | 7.6 |
| 06/12/2019 | 01.32 | 7.5 |
| 06/12/2019 | 14.06 | 7.7 |
| 07/12/2019 | 02.44 | 7.8 |
| 07/12/2019 | 15.06 | 8.0 |
| 08/12/2019 | 03.38 | 8.3 |
| 08/12/2019 | 15.57 | 8.4 |
| 09/12/2019 | 04.23 | 8.5 |
| 09/12/2019 | 16.41 | 8.8 |
| 10/12/2019 | 04.59 | 8.9 |
| 10/12/2019 | 17.22 | 9.2 |
| 11/12/2019 | 05.41 | 9.3 |
| 11/12/2019 | 17.58 | 9.5 |
| 12/12/2019 | 06.17 | 9.6 |
| 12/12/2019 | 18.39 | 9.8 |

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# Police appeal after fatal collision

**A PEDESTRIAN has died after being involved in a collision on Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, last Saturday afternoon, police have revealed.**

The 76-year-old woman, from Llantrisant, was taken to the University Hospital of Wales after the collision involving a Mitsubishi ASX, but later died of her injuries.

Officers are appealing for anyone who saw the collision, which happened on November 30 at around 2.40pm on Cowbridge Road at the junction with Station Approach, to get in touch with them.

A force spokesman said: "South Wales Police would like to speak to any witnesses to the collision, anyone who may have dash cam footage of the incident or who witnessed the manner of driving of the Mitsubishi ASX prior to the collision."

Witnesses should contact the Roads Policing Unit on 101 quoting 1900441811.

# Governors decide to oppose Y Bont Faen Primary plan

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Mr Williams continued: "We currently have a dedicated primary trained team who are led by a primary trained and experienced headteacher. The school is supported and challenged by a dedicated team of governors who understand the primary phase.

"The school is a caring place where individual children are nurtured, cared for and supported through their early years development.

"The proposals put forward want to incorporate the primary phase into an all-age school and the headteacher's role would be re-designated. Why change something that is working well?

"The proposals also state that the current governing body of Y Bont Faen would cease to exist and that the organisation, staffing and governance of the new school would be taken over by the comprehensive school team and governors.

"Why do away with and totally dismiss an effective group of volunteers? Where will the voice and expertise of the primary phase be?

"We believe that this is a missed opportunity to create and invest in a proper, autonomous, purpose-built primary school. There is simply no empirical evidence to show that all-age schools are better.

"There is little if anything between the running costs of having two schools. Our preferred option would be to build a stand-alone primary school with its own staff and governing body. We would continue to work closely with the comprehensive school as we do now.

"We would also continue to work closely with neighbouring primary schools who are part of a successful school improvement partnership. Why change all this?"

A Vale Council spokesperson responded: "To cope with growing demand for primary provision, the council is proposing to invest £7 million in a new 420-pupil school on the site of Cowbridge Comprehensive, which would double the number of English-medium primary places available.

"The Cowbridge all-through school would then cater for pupils aged three to 19 with automatic transition from primary to secondary phases, removing the need to apply.

"Unfortunately, it would not be possible to upgrade and expand Y Bont Faen's current school building, and switching to a new separate building at the Cowbridge Comprehensive site will offer access to some of the best educational facilities in Wales.

"The Council is currently conducting a consultation exercise on this matter and the views of all interested parties will be thoroughly considered before a final decision is made."

Terry Williams added: "As part of the consultation process it is essential that individuals respond in writing by January 10. Please make up your own mind as to what you want for the future of the school.

"All we ask is that you consider all the facts. What we as a governing body agree on is that we need a new autonomous school building."

You can respond via a link on the consultation document available on the Vale Council website. Or by sending your written response to.

Freepost RTGU-JGBH-YYJZ, Cowbridge Primary Provision Consultation, The Vale Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry,CF63 4RU.

# News from Llantwit Major Town Hall by Town Mayor, Cllr Bob Gant

**IT is now six months since I was elected Town Mayor and it continues to be very busy and an interesting and heart-warming experience to meet so many people.**

I have continued my visits to the Parkinson's Group, Valeplus Group and Woody's Lodge whenever I can and what excellent work they do. I have also attended many events including the Techniquest visit to the library; Best Front Garden competition; Youth Music Festival in Cowbridge, and the Llantwit Major School presentation of awards evening just to mention a few, and what splendid events they were. The Remembrance Parade, as always, was a very moving experience; thanks to all who attended and all who made it possible. Myself, Cllr David Ellis, Chris Westoby and Dawn from the Town Hall continue to make good progress in the restoration of the Town's Fairtrade status. We have visited many local shops and the response has been very positive to date. Town Council news: Financial support of £1,000 towards the 5k and 10k races and £1,000 towards the Christmas lights and £1,500 for new lights in Boverton. Grant aid applications are welcome and forms are available from the Town Council office. The Town Hall saw its last wedding in September; congratulations to all the happy couples. You can now view the booking diaries for the venues managed by Llantwit Major Town Council online for Llantonian Hall, Old School and Compass Building.

Fundraising for my chosen charities – Llantwit Major Stroke Support Group, Llantwit Major ValePlus group and Woody's Lodge – is progressing well and my recent event, the Murder Mystery Night at Llantonian Hall, raised £624.11. Thanks to Michael Morgan for compering the Murder Mystery evening. My next two fundraising events are a Christmas coffee morning on Saturday, December 7 in Llantonian Hall from 10am to 12pm and the Youth Music concert on February 1 at 6.30pm in St Illtyd's Church. Finally, may I wish you all a very happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

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# Don't bin it – repair it!

**REPAIR Cafe Wales will be at Bethel Church Hall in Llantwit Major on Saturday, December 14 from 10am to noon, the last session before Christmas.**

Volunteers will be on hand to look at portable household items, to attempt to repair or provide recommendations, together with Christmas refreshments while you wait. Local artisan Rachelle Sperling will be also be displaying her work.

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Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2019/01197/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Rear entrance lobby with cloakroom and first floor bedroom extension.
Location:/Lleoliad: Greystones, Factory Road, Llanblethian, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth: Llanblethian

**Listed Building Consent / Caniatad Adeilad Rhestredig**

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2019/01256/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposal replacement of 11 existing windows with double glazed wooden windows
Location:/Lleoliad: 3 Balmoral Quays, Bridgeman Road, Penarth
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth: Grade II

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2019/01288/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed modifications to the club building to include the introduction of alternative lead roofing products and the addition of two internal fire doors.
Location:/Lleoliad: Penarth Yacht Club, The Esplanade, Penarth
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth Grade II

**May affect a Public Right of Way / Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus**

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2019/01230/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Retrospective planning permission for an existing fence line and planning permission of a proposed new fencing line at Garwa Quarry
Location:/Lleoliad: Garwa Quarry, Penllyn

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/

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# Events in your area

**Light up Llancarfan**

**JOIN us in Llancarfan on Sunday, December 8 at 7pm to light the village tree that kicks off the festive season!**

All are welcome to sing carols around the tree and to partake of mulled wine and mince pies – kindly provided by Rhi and Jim from the Fox and Hounds.

**Big Screen**

**COWBRIDGE Big Screen's next film for this season is *Yesterday* (Cert 12A) on Thursday, December 12 at 7.30pm in Cowbridge Town Hall.**

A musician discovers that he is the only person who can remember the Beatles' songs after waking up in an alternative world where they never existed. Doors open 7.10pm, tickets £4 from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door.

# Meet the Vale's Parliamentary hopefuls

**VOTERS across the country will be heading to polling stations in just one week's time to decide who they want to see represent them in Westminster.**

Candidates have spent the last few weeks on the campaign trail trying hard to convince residents to get behind them.

Incumbent Vale MP Alun Cairns will be fighting to retain his seat, which he has held since 2010, with Labour's Belinda Loveluck-Edwards attempting to take it off him.

An anti-Brexit pact has seen the Liberal Democrats and Plaid Cymru stand down their candidates in the Vale in favour of Anthony Slaughter from the Green Party.

Laurence Williams, from Gwlad Gwlad, has also thrown his hat into the ring in the hope of securing a place in Parliament.

On this page, readers will be able to find out a little bit more about the Vale's four parliamentary hopefuls.

## Alun Cairns (Conservative)

**AT this election, it's vital that we vote to finally Get Brexit Done.**

It's dragged on for far too long and the country's decision must be respected. Unlike the opposition parties who want to dither and delay, Boris is the only one with a deal ready to go.

We can be out before the end of January.

After Brexit, we can move on to your priorities – billions to invest in our Welsh NHS, recruiting an extra 20,000 police officers and making more funding available for schools. We can only do this because we've created a strong economy, fixing the mess left behind by the last Labour Government.

Locally, I've worked hard to create jobs for local people, boosting Barry and securing Aston Martin.

I've also secured superfast broadband for 95% of households.

There's still more to do, and I will continue to champion Barry and the Vale as your MP.

## Belinda Loveluck-Edwards (Labour)

**THE Vale of Glamorgan is my home and it matters to me.**

I work for a teachers' union and live with my family in Rhoose.

I am a life-long anti-racism campaigner and have campaigned for changes in law around domestic violence, to help support victims of crime and against austerity.

I want to give people a choice between more of the same, more cuts and hardship or a fresh start; a choice between a government of the people or of the establishment; a choice to put people before privilege.

I want people in the Vale to see an improvement in their quality of life after this election.

I want to end the need for foodbanks and to put a stop to people just scraping by.

I want people to be enabled to thrive, to enjoy life and to trust that society is working for them.

We need real change now.

## Anthony Slaughter (Green Party)

**WALES Green Party leader Anthony Slaughter has been actively involved in Green politics, both locally at a community level and nationally across Wales, for many years.**

He has represented the party as an election candidate in several elections at every level.

Anthony has lived in Penarth, in the Vale of Glamorgan, for the last 15 years.

Locally, he has long been engaged with community based environmental campaigns. This involvement has included initiatives such as establishing a community orchard, a local food festival and promoting sustainable public transport.

He has been the lead on many local campaigns including '20's Plenty' and Plastic Free Communities.

On social justice issues Anthony has worked with the People's Assembly and other campaigning organisations in Welsh communities.

As a co-founder of Vale for Europe he has been a leading voice in the campaign for a People's Vote in Wales.

## Laurence Williams (Gwlad Gwlad)

**AT the heart of Laurence Williams' thinking is honesty, transparency, work opportunities, homes, shelter, happiness and wellbeing.**

Laurence, 56, went to school with Windsor Davies' eldest son, Danny.

He has a huge love for Wales and a very keen Tommy Cooper fan.

Laurence has been married to wife Denise for 31 years, and have three children, one still at Loughborough University.

He works as an engineer across Britain.

Laurence has a love for music and a former Welsh MVC singer with The Gwalia.

He has been involved actively with politics since 1990, though started taking an interest in the early 1970's.

A period of influence with the Miners' Strikes, 3 day week and Common Market.

Laurence sees Welsh Independence from England as an obvious step away from the Norman 'Overlords', and Royal 'Land grabs' and natural resource robbery!

Gwlad Gwlad is a Welsh Party, not a Westminster Punch & Judy show!

# Pair's Himalayan trek raises £20,000 for charity

**TWO friends have just returned from a gruelling eight-day trek through the Himalayas, all in the name of charity.**

Kay Collingridge and Katie Dobson raised an impressive £20,000 for breast cancer awareness charity CoppaFeel! during their challenge.

The duo teamed up with a whole host of famous faces including Great British Bake Off winner Candice Brown, The Saturday's singer Frankie Bridge and Loose Women's Nadia Sawalha, for the mammoth trek.

They walked and climbed for more than 11 hours each day through the Dharamsala mountain range before setting up camp under the stars.

CoppaFeel! was launched in 2009 and dedicates its funds to raising awareness of breast cancer in young women and men, allowing for early detection, diagnosis and treatment, to ultimately improve survival rates.

Ms Collingridge, from Welsh St Donats, lost her twin sister Helen to breast cancer at just 38 years old and Ms Dobson was diagnosed with breast cancer aged 37, just after giving birth to her daughter.

The pair said: "It was the hardest thing we have ever done and it tested us so much, both physically and emotionally.

"But there was never any doubt that we wouldn't complete it, especially as people have given so generously to a charity that we feel passionately about, so that kept us going."

People can still make donations by visiting himalayascoppafeel.everydayhero.com/uk/katie-kay-trek-the-Himalayas.

## Footballers show off their new kit

**BUDDING footballers in the under-7s girls' team at Llantwit Major AFC have taken to the pitch in their new kit.**

Western Vale Family Practice have sponsored the team with the up and coming stars wearing their new outfits last Sunday.

A spokesman said: "Thanks to the sponsor of the under-7 girls' football team at Llantwit AFC.

"The girls loved playing in their new kit on Sunday. Thank you to Rhian from Western Vale Family Practice, the sponsor for the girls."

## Chance for community groups to get cash boost

**EARLIER this year, Llantwit Major Town Council supported local organisations who are working for the benefit of the community.**

The 2019 successful applicants were Llanilltud in Flower, Boys Brigade, 3rd Llantwit Major Brownies, Llantwit Major 10k Committee and Major Music.

In January 2020, the Town Council will once again be looking to award small grants to local organisations.

If your club or organisation would benefit from a grant, you can collect an application form from the Town Hall in Llantwit Major or call the Town Council office on 01446 793707.

All applications must be supported with current balance sheets.

The closing date for completed forms is Friday, December 20.

## Festive theme for flower arrangers

**CHAIRMAN of Cowbridge and District Flower Arrangers, June Studley, welcomed dignitaries, guests and members to the Christmas theme evening held in the Town Hall.**

A packed hall enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies, getting everyone in the festive mood.

Kathryn Lee from Llanboidy certainly entertained everyone while arranging and demonstrating her 'Festive Theme'.

Her knowledge of Christmas decorations was fun to listen to, she really entertained everyone.

President Georgina Magnay thanked Kathryn and lots of ladies were enthralled at winning the arrangements and the Christmas side raffle.

## Latest from Boys' Brigade

**JUNIOR section of the Llantwit Major Boys' Brigades made baubles for the Cowbridge Christmas Tree Festival this year.**

They will be displayed as part of the festival at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge.

Not to be outdone, the Anchors spent a recent evening discovering more about the stars.

Unfortunately, the weather meant they could not go outside, but instead used the indoor planetarium.

The boys made a poster for the church and made their own night sky constellations to take home.

Next Saturday, November 30, three members of company section will travel to Southampton for the second round of the table tennis.

On Saturday, December 7 four members are off to Tewkesbury for the second round of the national Masterteam (quiz) competition.

They face stiff competition from teams from Tewkesbury, Churchdown and Gloucester.

Only two will go through to the England/Wales semi-final to be held in February.

A spokesman said: "Good luck to Morgan, Luke, Ciaran and Gabe."

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# Vote Belinda on Thursday 12th December ✗

## Belinda Loveluck-Edwards: A Real Voice for the Vale

Welsh Labour Llafur Cymru

## 'Foodbank Britain must end' says Belinda

I am angry that we have had nearly ten years of Tory austerity. Almost a decade of cruelty and hardship. I don't want to live in that world, where the most vulnerable, poorest people are hit the hardest by harsh Tory cuts. I am appalled by the increasing number - and need - for Foodbanks in the Vale of Glamorgan. Our community is now reliant on 7 foodbanks across Barry, Dinas Powys, St Athan and Llantwit Major. Families are reliant on Foodbanks and so many children would go hungry without them. Nearly three quarters of children living in poverty have a working parent. The Trussel Trust has given out 23% more food parcels this year. It doesn't have to be like this – poverty is not inevitable. It's caused by low wages, inadequate benefits, delays in the deeply flawed Universal Credit system, expensive housing and childcare and lack of decently paid jobs. Labour will change the current system and bring in support which will help people, not punish them. Labour will put children at the heart of policy by developing a National Strategy for Childhood, because children should not bear the brunt of government policies. We must act now to prevent child poverty rising to the predicted 5.2 million by 2022. Don't let the Conservatives scar our children's future.

*Universal Credit is cruel and targets the most vulnerable in our society*

## Standing up for Women in the Vale

As a woman, the Conservative Party has never stood up for me. Women have been hit harder by the Conservative party's austerity agenda. From cuts to tax credits to caps on and cuts to benefits to the unjust pension alterations, women have been disproportionately affected. A lack of diversity in politics remains a big problem. I have met so many women who are engaged and enthusiastic about making a difference. I would be privileged to represent them and to be a voice for people who want to see change as part of a government which listens and cares. We need to continue to fight to ensure that every voice is heard and represented. I want to make particular mention of Kay Clarke a campaigner from Barry for pension equality. Kay has worked tirelessly to raise awareness of the injustice faced by women from the 1950s and has campaigned for fair play. I am proud that the Labour Party has pledged to right this wrong and that women like Kay will be recognised under a Labour Government.

*Belinda with Cllrs Margaret Wilkinson and Sandra Perkes and Danielle Rowley, Shadow Minister for Climate Justice and Green Jobs at Barry Island*

## Jane Hutt AM backs Belinda!

I have known and worked with Belinda for many years and admired her steadfast and principled commitment to public service. Living in the Vale with her family, Belinda is involved in the community, supporting local people, organisations and businesses and speaking up for the most disadvantaged and vulnerable. We share the same Labour values and principles promoting equality and supporting causes which affect people's lives and like me she is passionate about tackling injustice and making Wales a fairer, greener and more prosperous nation.
Belinda will be a strong voice for the Vale in Westminster speaking up for our towns, rural communities and businesses.
I need Belinda to work alongside me in the Welsh Assembly to build a partnership for success in our constituency.
Together we are proud of Welsh Labour Government's achievements with the Vale of Glamorgan benefiting from significant Welsh Government investment over the past 20 years.
Investment in the re-opening the Vale Railway line to Bridgend, investment in the regeneration of Barry, investment in flood prevention measures in Barry , Cowbridge, Boverton , investment in our children and young people with £20.9 million 21st century investment in our new schools across the County. Investment in our senior citizens with the Golau Caredig, and support for the Over 50's Forum and support for caring costs in the community.
Our shared commitment to tackling climate change is resolute with the announcement this week by the Welsh Government of ***Prosperity for All: A Climate Conscious Wales*** setting out how we will take action over the next five years to address the areas of greatest risk as we take steps to decarbonise the Welsh economy and respond to the impacts of climate change protecting biodiversity and our beautiful Heritage coastal rural communities.
Together Belinda and I can work in partnership to do so much more for you – the people , communities and businesses we represent across the Vale.
We are united to serve you

Belinda Loveluck-Edwards and Jane Hutt AM

# Labour Pledges to the People of the Vale of Glamorgan

## 'This isn't just any election - this is our chance for change' says Belinda Loveluck-Edwards

For over a year I have spoken to so many people across the Vale who have been failed by Tory policies, all voted for by Alun Cairns. As your MP, I will fight for real change, for the services and security we all deserve. This Conservative government has taken our communities for granted, imposing cuts while we have all noticed that things are getting harder. Over the past 10 years we have all noticed a growing number of empty shop fronts, fewer public services and fewer staff supporting those services. So many people are struggling to make ends meet and to juggle a work/life balance.

The Vale have seen significant losses because of the past 10 years of cuts. There have been cut-backs to youth services and centres. The libraries and community centres we have remaining are for the most part run by wonderful volunteers who did not want to see these services disappear completely, but which cannot be centrally funded.

This is the legacy of Tory austerity.

A Labour government in Westminster will change this.

Labour will introduce a fair Living Wage for workers aged 16 and above. Financial dignity is something which has been stripped away from so many people over the past 10 years. In-work poverty is a reality for too many people.

Labour will invest in our public services and rebuild our communites.

I will work with Jane Hutt our Assembly Member, the Welsh Labour Government and and our local government. Together we can push boundaries to build a different and better future - one where there is room for everyone and that we can be proud to pass on to future generations.

## It is only Fair that the people have a final say on Brexit

The Tories have negotiated a terrible deal and have not ruled out leaving without a deal. Labour will negotiate a good deal for the many and put it back to the people alongside the option to remain. I will campaign to remain. The people deserve all the facts and the final say.

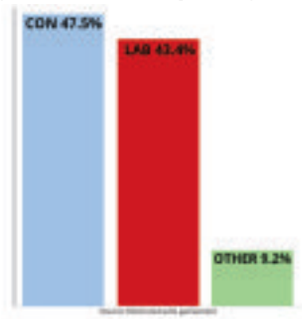
**Labour's pledges to the people of the Vale of Glamorgan:**

1. Protect our streets – we'll put Bobbies on the beat
2. Protect our future – supporting local businesses
3. Protect our environment – we must fight climate change
4. Protect your job – by harnessing new technologies and a fair Living Wage
5. Protect our local services – no more Tory cuts!

Belinda Loveluck-Edwards out speaking with voters

## Belinda pledges to keep the foxhunting ban

This so called sport has no place in a civilised society. A Labour government ended fox hunting, deer hunting and hare coursing. A Labour Government will maintain the bans. As your MP, I will vote against repealing the ban on fox hunting.




Vale of Glamorgan Election Results 2017

## This is our chance

We need to send a clear message to Westminster, that unethical behaviour will not be tolerated. Time is up on people in positions of power who have got away with far too much for far too long.

In the Vale, only Labour can beat the Tories. We have a choice between more of the same or a fresh start; a choice between a government of the people or of the establishment; a choice to put people before privilege. No other candidate has the opportunity to end the cycle of the Vale and Wales being disadvantaged by Tory priorities. It is time for change.

Our Labour manifesto is a manifesto of hope. This election is our chance to set a new direction.

The changes that we need will only come about if we act. I need your support to change Westminster from a haven for privilege and elitism to a government for the many that works for everybody.

## Belinda will stand up for Policing in the Vale

We have seen a huge reduction in police visibility over the past decade. Tory cuts to police funding have resulted in residents feeling less safe and fewer police officers on our streets and police stations across the Vale being closed to the public. I have spoken to people in Llantwit Major and Cowbridge, where police stations have closed in the pasts few years, who are furious with the reduced police presence we have in the Vale. But the cuts to our criminal justice system do not stop with the police. The Tories have privatised our probation service and neglected our criminal justice system to the extent that people's safety has been out at risk.

As your MP I will do all I can to ensure that you and your families are safe and that victims of crime are supported.

Our Criminal Justice system has been neglected – we need real change

The Vale is a beautiful constituency – we must take action to protect our environment

## There is a Climate Emergency and we have to act now

We are running out of time, we need deeds not words. Labours Green Industrial Revolution will weave a commitment to combatting climate change into the fabric of our society. Our Health and Well-being and our economy is intrinsically lined to our environment and Labour's Green Industrial Revolution recognises this. It will confront the changes we need to make while dealing with the growing inequality and insecurity we see across the country.

Labour will invest in renewable energy and Green Jobs, will introduce a windfall tax on oil companies and will put people and planet before profit by bringing our energy and water systems into public ownership.

We must acknowledge that we are all responsible but it is the government who has the power to make the most difference.

# Vote for real change on December 12th

Promoted by Conway Hawkins on behalf of Belinda Loveluck-Edwards,

both at 115 High St, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 7DT

# Bright festive lights illuminate Llantwit Major for Christmas

**IT was a great occasion in Llantwit Major last Saturday, November 30, as the town was packed all day – culminating with the switching on of the Christmas lights.**

This year, the lights were switched on by Sam and Shauna of the Hang Fire Southern Kitchen, who started out in a small shop in Llantwit.

They were accompanied for the switch on by the Mayor of Llantwit Major, Cllr Bob Gant.

The town hall and town square was lit up by thousands of warm white cluster lights, with the lights continuing throughout the town.

The switch on took place at 6pm, but live music started at 1.30pm, keeping the Christmas crowds entertained.

Santa arrived at 2pm, and visitors took the opportunity to wander around the town, browsing in the Christmas markets and craft stalls.

In the hour before the switch on, a lantern parade started at CF61 and made its way to the town hall.

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# Pupils head to festive market for a bit of research

*ABOVE: Youngsters enjoying a day trip to Cardiff's Christmas market ahead of their own festive market*

**IN preparation for Oak Field Primary School's Christmas Market on December 17, the children, staff – and the occasional elf – have been busy creating fantastic produce and crafts to sell.**

The whole school has visited the market in Cardiff to do some much needed research to see the yummy treats and sparkling crafts that have been proving most popular for customers to buy.

A spokesman for the Barry-based school said: "The children (and their grown up helpers), have helped to make some Christmas tree decorations and Christmas wreaths at our Parent Engagement Afternoons and I've heard on the Santa grapevine that there will be cookies, Welsh cakes and other fantastic produce to buy on the day. So hurry down to Gibbonsdown on Tuesday, December 17 at 3.20pm and join the festive fun.

# Lovelight in Llantwit

**THE Llantwit Major Friends of Tenovus will be holding their annual Lovelight Service on Tuesday, December 10, at 7.30pm at St Illtud's Church.**

A spokeswoman said: "This beautiful service presents an opportunity to give thanks for our loved ones.

"We each light a candle in love, honour or in memory of someone we love, celebrate a new life, ask for a blessing for someone, give thanks for a healing.

"We have been holding this service for over 25 years with tremendous support from the community and we look forward to seeing you all again.

"Please join us for Christmas carols with the children from St Illtyd's Primary School Choir, and afterwards join us for a mince pie and mulled wine!

# Community news from Llangan and Treoes with Nancy Davidge

**News from Llangan Primary School**

**THE teachers and staff were delighted with the wonderful response they had on their Bobath day, November 22.**

Parents and pupils donated cakes and toys for the bring and buy sale, and all the children wore blue on the day. The school council are hopeful a member of Bobath will be able to attend the school to receive the donation.

**Forthcoming events**

**ON Sunday, December 8 a Christmas carol service will take place at Saron Chapel, Treoes at 3pm.**

Everyone is assured of a warm Christmas welcome. I understand Saron will benefit from the table top sale which took place in the Treoes village hall on December 1. A carol service will take place at St Mary Hill Church on Sunday, December 15 at 11.15am. Everyone is assured of a warm welcome.

# Support for vulnerable teens

*ABOVE: Stephanie Jenkins, Eve Piffaretti, Liz Singer and Stacey Richards.*

**PORTHCAWL Barnardo's held an event at Liz Singer's house to raise money and to receive supplies of food and toiletries for a Barnardo's-run project which helps vulnerable young people.**

Those attending brought tinned or dried food and toiletries for the BAYS 16+ project in Swansea, supporting homeless teenagers and those leaving care.

The committee and friends worked for weeks making cakes, chutneys, pickles and other goodies for sale.

Mulled wine and homemade mince pies were provided and a tombola stall was held, Christmas cards were sold and a raffle took place.

An event spokesman said: "We were overwhelmed with donations for the project.

"Two of the project workers, Stacey Richards and Stephanie Jenkins, attended to transport the tins, packets and jars to Swansea. "They were amazed at the generosity of people and very grateful.

"Many of those attending supported us when we last held the Open House and their enthusiasm helped create a lovely warm atmosphere.

"This was confirmed by Eve Piffaretti, who came to see what went on.

"Eve is a Cardiff solicitor who supports Barnardo's as a voluntary member of their National Advisory Board.

"She was able to report that we raised over £700 for Barnardo's Cymru."

# Choir's concert raises £270 for cancer charity

**HEATHER and Clive Edwards of Ty Maen Farm, Colwinston, recently attended a rehearsal to receive a cheque for £270 from members of Cowbridge Choral Society.**

The funds were raised in a concert in aid of Bowel Cancer Wales in memory of Clive and Heather's daughter, Lizzie who died last year at the age of 39. Lizzie was a chiropractor, an excellent rider who loved horses and was much loved and respected in her home village of Colwinston and further afield.

The Choral Society will perform at their annual Christmas concert on Saturday, December 7 at 7.30pm in The United Free Church, Cowbridge.

They will be joined by Cor Meibion y Machlud and the Barber Shop Quartet of Old Spice. Tickets available from WG Davies Newsagent, Cowbridge; Nickleby's Bookstore, Llantwit Major; Anne Williams Pharmacy, Pontyclun or through the box office on 01446 792175.

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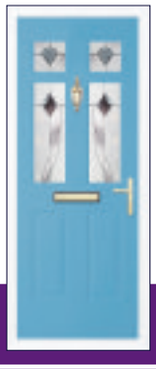

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# Airport announces charity of the year

**CARDIFF Airport has chosen Velindre Cancer Centre as its charity of the year for 2020/21 after an airport-wide vote, where each team member chose their favourite from five shortlisted charities.**

Velindre Cancer Centre provides specialist cancer services to over 1.5 million people in south east Wales, and strives to provide the best possible care and treatment to patients and families affected by cancer, as well as providing specialist training to healthcare professionals in the region.

The partnership will see the Cardiff Airport team working with Velindre Cancer Centre to arrange events and activities to raise vital funds and will run from January 2020 until March 2021.

Cardiff Airport has already raised over £500 for the charity after arranging a coastal walk in September, where the team and their friends and family walked challenging stretches along the Wales Coast Path.

Deb Bowen Rees, CEO of Cardiff Airport, said: "The charity does such important work and is close to the hearts of everyone at Cardiff Airport. Sadly, there are very few of us that have not been affected by cancer at some point in our lives. This is an opportunity for people across all departments to work together and develop innovative ways to raise money for an organisation that does so much to support the local community.

Andrew Morris, Head of Fundraising at Velindre Cancer Centre, added: "We are absolutely delighted to have been chosen as Cardiff Airport's charity of the year and cannot thank the team enough for their support. The year 2020 is particularly relevant as by next year, one in two of us will be affected by cancer. However, through better treatments and early detection, more people than ever are living with cancer and survival rates have doubled in the last 40 years. The money raised through our partnership with Cardiff Airport will be used to fund things over and above those provided by the NHS, so fundraising really does make a huge difference."

Charity support forms part of Cardiff Airport's Touchdown Programme, which launched earlier this year. For more information, visit https://www.cardiff-airport.com/touchdown-programme/

# Good causes benefit from community fund

*LEFT: Barry-based Motion Control Dance.*

**LOCAL causes across Glamorgan received an early Christmas present this week, when the Co-op was able to distribute £29,000.**

The money will be shared by nine organisations, all of whom are making a real difference to communities throughout the region. These include Motion Control Dance of Barry, Cowbridge History Society, and Young at Heart.

This is the latest round of pay outs from the local community fund, and brings the amount the Co-op members have invested in causes in Glamorgan since the scheme launched in September 2016 to £95,500.

Rebecca Birkbeck, director of community and shared value at the Co-op, said: "The local community fund is now a well-established way of supporting local causes who help to make communities safer, happier, and healthier places to live, and we're delighted to be able to support such a wide range of local groups as they help to improve wellbeing in Glamorgan.

"By choosing their local cause online, our members are telling us what really matters in their communities, and we have used this information to help us identify new groups to support throughout next year."

When members shop with the Co-op, one per cent of what they spend on selected Co-op branded products and services goes to support local causes through the Local Community Fund.

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# Lend an 'elfing' hand this Christmas

*British Heart Foundation is appealing for volunteers to help deal with the busy festive period.*

**BRITISH Heart Foundation is in desperate need of volunteers this Christmas to help raise funds for life saving research.**

The charity hopes people in Wales can lend an 'elfing' hand by volunteering in their local shop. With Christmas being one of the busiest times of the year, the charity is calling on locals to donate the gift of time – even just for an afternoon.

Doing so will help the BHF spread festive cheer and raise funds to transform the lives of those in Wales living with heart and circulatory diseases.

Linda Fenn, Head of Volunteering at the BHF, said: "Volunteering over the Christmas period is a great way to give back to your local community and be part of a fantastic team. You'll also be helping us to raise vital funds for research into beating heart and circulatory diseases, including heart attack, stroke and vascular dementia.

"Each year, heart and circulatory diseases kill around 9,000 people in Wales and currently 370,000 people in the country are living with these conditions. It's essential that we continue to accelerate research into new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat them. Without the generosity of our shop volunteers we wouldn't be able to fund much of this life saving work."

It couldn't be easier – just choose a date that works for you, call into your local branch and arrange the day, sign up and start spreading the festive joy as a BHF elf. What better way could there be to get into the Christmas spirit than supporting a charity while sporting a Santa hat and tinsel?

Whether you want to volunteer as a one off, pick up a few festive shifts or explore volunteering longer term, the BHF can help discuss all the available options. Volunteers will be able to help with a wide range of tasks such as sorting donations, speaking to customers and creating festive window displays.

Recent research commissioned by the BHF showed volunteering can improve your mental health and help you overcome loneliness. It can also make a real difference to your CV, help you meet people from all walks of life and most importantly you will be helping the BHF to beat the heartbreak caused by heart and circulatory diseases.

For more information visit the charity's website.

# Outraged farmers lodge complaint with BBC boss

**FARMERS in Wales have been outraged by the misrepresentation of the industry in a recent BBC programme, and have contacted the Farmers' Union of Wales in unprecedented numbers to voice their anger.**

FUW president Glyn Roberts said: "Just like our members, I was appalled at the failure to differentiate between different meat production systems around the world, and therefore the misrepresentation in and lack of balance in the BBC's 'Meat: A threat to our planet?' programme broadcast on November 25.

"I have therefore written to BBC director general Anthony William Hall to formally complain about the programme, which marks just the latest of many reports broadcast by the BBC over the past 18 months or so which has focused on, or relied on global figures which are not representative of Welsh and UK production systems and would generally be illegal in Wales and the UK."

In his letter, the union president further highlights that such foreign production systems, as reported by the BBC, have ecological footprints which are simply not comparable to those in countries such as Wales, where carbon footprints are extremely low compared with other industries and grazing animals are essential in terms of maintaining habitat and biodiversity – as highlighted in numerous scientific studies.

Mr Roberts added that such broadcasts have continued despite large numbers of complaints having been submitted by individuals and organisations over the past year.

"The fact that our farming and rural communities believe overwhelmingly that the BBC is inherently biased against Welsh farmers and meat production, and the widespread perception that the BBC is deliberately allowing itself to be used as a vehicle for anti-meat campaigners, demonstrates that there is a very real problem that has not been recognised by the BBC," he wrote.

The letter further outlines the FUW's belief that such partiality and imbalance means that the BBC is failing in its duty to comply with its Charter in relation to:

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2. The public purposes of the BBC, in terms of providing '…impartial news and information to help people understand and engage with the world around them'.

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"I would encourage anyone who has been equally outraged by this programme to write to BBC director general Anthony William Hall to directly voice their concerns," said Mr Roberts.

# Christmas parade and lights switch-on in Maesteg

**A DRY, sunny but cold Saturday brought Maesteg people out in their thousands to take part and watch the annual Christmas Parade and lighting up event in Maesteg.**

A convoy of floats left the former Revlon site carrying many local groups and organisations who were certainly dressed for the part despite the cold weather.

The Police closed the town to traffic while the procession wove its way down Commercial Street into Talbot Street, and stopped by the 40ft Christmas tree outside Maesteg Town Hall.

Many councillors erected barriers that were used to hold crowds back for Santa and the floats to travel through the town

Funk Force, the local award-winning dance group, danced their way through the town while groups like Slimming World, football teams, local pubs and many others waved, played music and had their own snowman and fancy dress on their floats.

The entertainment was provided by Bridge FM presenter Lee Jukes with live music by Alex John and Nikky Casey.

Following the lighting up of the tree and the town lights, the spectators were treated to a brilliant fireworks display that was the final spectacular event of the day.

**Photographs by Phil Davies.**

# Don't miss the deadline to have your say on council services

**THE Vale of Glamorgan Council is reminding residents that the deadline to have their say on how services are delivered across the county is Friday, December 20.**

So far, there has been an encouraging response to the consultation on the draft Corporate Plan, which outlines the Authority's blueprint to achieve its vision of Strong Communities with a Bright Future.

The Corporate Plan covers all areas of Council responsibility from waste collections to education, housing to social services and more.

Engagement sessions with a variety of groups have been held over the last few months to ensure a broad cross section of views are canvassed.

These have included meetings with the Vale 50+ forum, Vale Youth Cabinet, Cardiff and Vale College students as well as the business community.

Anyone else wishing to share their thoughts has around two weeks to do so by visiting the Council website.

Vale Council managing director Rob Thomas said: "The production of a new Corporate Plan is of huge significance as it will set out how we intend to work and will outline our key priorities for the next five years. We deliver a huge range of essential public services and it is important that our priorities reflect the views of our communities. That is why we have sought to obtain input and feedback from a range of organisations over recent weeks.

"The Council is open to new ideas and ways of working at a time where demands on our services continue to grow. By working with our communities and partners I am confident that we can continue to improve and meet both the challenges and opportunities that we will face in coming years."

# Busy Christmas ahead for choir members

**COWBRIDGE Male Voice Choir have a very busy Christmas schedule, which has already begun.**

A spokesman said: "Following a very uplifting and sold out Christmas tree festival at an absolutely packed Holy Cross Church on November 22, the choir travelled to Bath last Saturday.

"Performing in the fabulous St Michael's Church in the centre of the city the choir wowed their audience with a range of Christmas songs as well as others from their repertoire.

"Featuring the talented young soloist Lili Mohammad, the concert was a triumph and raised a considerable sum for the nominated charity, Royal United Hospitals Bath Appeal.

"A quick mention too for the brilliant young soloists featured at the Cowbridge concert, Rhianna Hogg and Ivan Cherednichenko.

"The choir goes from strength to strength and is much looking forward to 2020 with a huge range of performances and events planned. Big thanks to sponsors The Place For Homes for their continued support and generosity."

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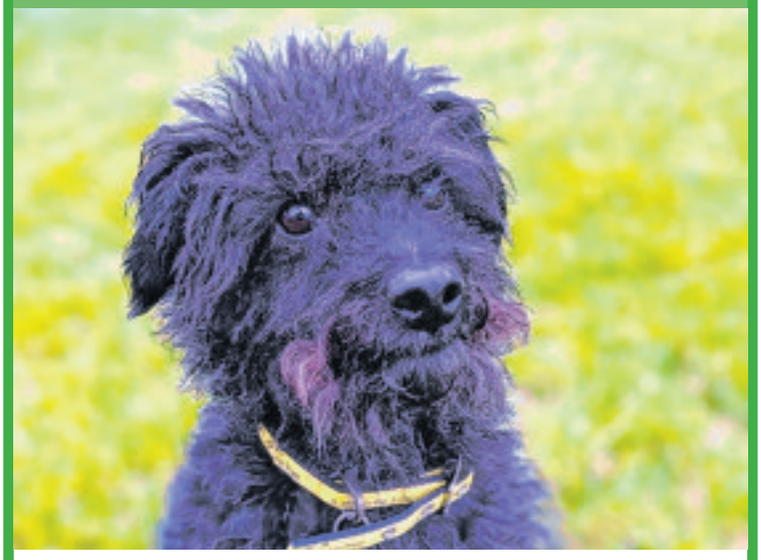

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He is housetrained and happy to be left for a few hours as long as he has something to keep him occupied.

He likes all the attention to be on himself, so is looking for an adult-only home with preferably one owner.

He does take time to come around, but with committed and experienced owners, he'll be a great companion.

For more information on Angus, visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Bridgend, CF31 4NG; call 01656 725219 or visit www.dogstrust.org.uk.

# £1.7m spent clearing up 35,000 fly-tipping incidents

**MORE than 35,000 fly-tipping incidents were reported across Wales in 2018/19, according to Welsh Government figures.**

The Government says the estimated clearance cost of fly-tipped waste is around £1.7 million.

More than 27,000 enforcement actions were taken with 89% of prosecution outcomes resulting in a fine.

However, the prosecutions only refer to formally-reported cases.

Incidents on private land are always under-reported as farmers and land managers focus on clear-up to ensure their normal business activities can go ahead unimpeded.

Figures also exclude 'side-waste' – defined as overspill or waste deposited near waste-bins.

CLA director Rebecca Williams said: "Fly tipping is the scourge of the Welsh countryside.

"Many incidents go unreported as the rural community is apparently conditioned to accept fly-tipped mess as an occupational hazard.

"The inaccessibility of local authority waste transfer stations and the cost of waste disposal may both have contributed to the problem.

"This is a crime in which innocent victims pay penalties while perpetrators fail to carry out their own responsibilities, often pocket some cash and go unpunished – encouraging them to commit the offence again."

Fly-tipped waste contaminates land and water-courses, creates health and safety-threats to humans, livestock and wild animals, blights the countryside and leads to heavy clear-up costs by farmers, landowners and rural businesses.

Land managers who fail to clear-up waste deposited on their land face the prospect of prosecution whatever the source of the waste – apart from the cost of removal and repair of damage.

Some waste may require specially-qualified operators and costly plant and equipment to remove.

Rebecca Williams said: "Year by year, we see these depressing statistics. I'm calling on society to stop turning a blind-eye – and do everything possible to eradicate this irresponsible, unhealthy and unsociable crime.

"We welcome the role Government is playing at national and local level in dealing with the scourge, but the incidence of fly-tipping remains a national disgrace and it may take more action – and wider pressure in society – to tackle the problem."

# A Valeways walk through the countryside

**SEVEN Valeways walkers joined John at the Red Fox in Penllyn for the latest Valeways walk.**

They set off from the pub following the road passing the 13th century wells, the main source of water for Penllyn until 1937, to reach a bridleway leading through woods to Vistla Farm.

They walked down to reach the Valeways Millennium trail and followed it through Coed y Stanby until they reached a road.

They made sure that they complied with the notice on a gate 'any person failing to close and latch this gate is liable to a fine of not exceeding 40 shillings'.

Crossing the road, they walked uphill with views of City on the left and through woods to come out into open fields. They headed to Halifax, where they stopped for a short coffee stop.

Refreshed, they followed a pretty green lane downhill until they reached a road, pausing to allow postman Pat to pass, and continued for a short time on the road before reaching another bridleway towards Pen-y-Lan.

The group arrived at Llansannor and passed by Llansannor Court dating from about 1500 and which has featured several times in Dr Who. Crossing parkland, the group arrived back at the Millennium Trail and retraced their steps to return to the Red Fox.

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# Charity calls on generous people to help its Jungle tribe

*ABOVE: Jungle Ward patient Milo aged one, with his Mum and Noah's Ark tiger.*

*Jungle Ward patient Rhiannon aged 11. Photos taken by Paul Fears.*

**CHILDREN'S charity Noah's Ark has launched a £1 million appeal to transform one of the medical wards at Wales' only children's hospital.**

Jungle Ward received 44 admissions from the area covered by Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board last year, caring for children and young people with a broad range of medical conditions including special and complex needs, chronic long term diseases like cystic fibrosis and acute conditions like diabetes, asthma and Crohn's disease.

It also provides specialist care for patients recovering from brain injuries and young people in mental health crisis. The new appeal will fund facilities and equipment for these children, creating an environment that provides the best possible chance of recovery.

A spokesperson for the charity said: "The needs of the children of Jungle Ward here at the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales have changed quite a lot in recent years.

"The ward cares for more children than ever before. It also now provides rehabilitation for children with brain injuries, who previously travelled elsewhere for specialist treatment.

"Due to the nature of the conditions being treated, hospital stays for young patients on Jungle Ward can be a lot longer or more frequent than average, while for others they are shorter but often traumatic. We need to raise £1 million to transform it into a bright, stimulating environment. A space where families can still be families during their hospital stays."

The Jungle Ward Appeal will fund the design and creation of a new 'high care' area for children who are acutely unwell, a therapy room for rehabilitation and a safe space for young people in mental health crisis.

It will create fully accessible bathroom facilities, providing privacy and dignity for children with continence or gastro-intestinal issues and independence for children regaining skills after brain injury.

The re-development will also help make life easier for families by creating brighter rooms with more space for parents to sleep comfortably alongside their children as well as a parent room and enhanced play areas for children and young people.

For more information about the Jungle Ward Appeal or to donate, visit: www.noahsarkcharity.org.

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# Cowbridge restaurant is the tops at curry awards

*LEFT: Chef Ashi Aravind (second right) receives the award at the Grosvenor House in Mayfair on behalf of the team at the Shampan.*

**A COWBRIDGE restaurant has been named 'Asian Restaurant of the Year for South Wales' in the Asian Curry Awards for 2019.**

Staff at the Shampan, Eastgate, are thrilled because last year they had a double success when chef Ashi Aravind was named as 'Asian Chef of the Year 2018 Wales', while the Shampan was highly commended in the 'Best Indian Restaurant Wales' category.

This year, they have shot up from highly commended to take the top prize for south Wales.

Over 700 VIP guests attended the Asian hospitality sector's most prestigious event, the Asian Curry Awards in Association with Just Eat, at the Grosvenor House in London's Mayfair recently.

Guest of honour, Sadiq Khan, the Mayor of London, praised the contribution of the British Asians, saying: "By bringing the best of Asian culinary traditions to these shores, these restaurant owners have expanded not only the choice of food available to the British public, but our very identity as an open, inclusive and multicultural nation."

The team at the Shampan have had an exciting time since they took over the business in March of 2018. Last year's awards gave them a great opportunity to showcase their food, and they have continued developing the menu ever since.

Chef Ashi (nicknamed 'Ash') has been cooking professionally for 18 years and his journey began in a naval base restaurant in Kochi, Kerala, India as a chef. Here he learned about the art of discipline in life and in the profession.

He told The GEM that there had been a great reception for the food, with many customers responding to the style of cooking, where dishes are prepared to reflect the regional cuisine of a number of areas in India.

In fact, winning the award has come at a good time for the Shampan, as they are launching a new menu this month.

Ash's favourite dishes will all be there, and he has continued to add to the menu, bringing new specialities for customers to try.

He has extended the vegetarian and vegan range, and the new menu is going to highlight a number of traditional curry dishes that have always been popular with local customers.

The Shampan has quickly become part of the community, hosting evening functions for charities such a Friends of Tenovus, and for local clubs too.

Staff have been taking the message about their food out and about too, with the 'Curry Y Van' which goes out to local events and offers delicious street food.

With Christmas festivities in mind, the Shampan is offering a seven-course feast for £29.99 per person, which is a great way to sample the variety of styles that chef Ash is offering.

# Yule not go lonely this Christmas with Samaritans

**AS tinsel and fairy lights adorn the streets up and down the country, it can be easy to overlook how the festive season can be the hardest time of the year for some.**

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The very next day, over 1,475 Samaritans volunteers headed to branches and responded to thousands of calls for help from people feeling overwhelmed on December 25.

Each volunteer answered an average of 12 calls per Christmas shift, with callers sharing a wide range of personal challenges from mental and physical health struggles to family issues, relationship problems and isolation and loneliness.

The charity is asking people across Wales and the UK to send a Christmas gift, to help Samaritans continue to be there for those who need emotional support.

Making a donation for as little as £4.99 will help Samaritans answer a call for help from somebody struggling this Christmas - and change someone's story for the better.

Newly trained Samaritans volunteer Sue Peart, 62, will be volunteering for the first time this Christmas.

Sue said: "I was struggling with the fact my career had come to an end and then I faced the grief of losing my mum. It set the seal on a terrible year - I call it my 'year of the pancake' - the year when everything 'flipped'.

"I won't forget how comforting it was to have Samaritans' number by my bedside, just in case I needed to call in the middle of the night. I could never have predicted that I would become a volunteer for Samaritans. Having been through difficult times myself, I realised how important it was to be there for someone in need.

"It's a time of year that can be a pressure-point for people, particularly if you're going to be spending Christmas on your own; all the emphasis on happy families can make you feel even more alone.

"It would be a tragedy if Samaritans wasn't able to be there for those in distress. Making a donation will ensure we're there for everyone who needs help. It's a 24/7 service, and your gift will help pay for that and the training for volunteers like me."

Be a part of someone's story – send a gift to help them change it for the better by visiting: www.samaritans.org/christmas. Samaritans' services are there for anyone who needs them this Christmas and every single day of the year. Follow the campaign on social media by searching for the hashtag, #bepartofthestory.

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# Golfers raise thousands for Crohn's and Colitis charity

**LADIES of Brynhill Golf Club, Barry, held their annual dinner with nearly 40 in attendance on November 19.**

A spokesman said: "This is always a fun evening and this year was no exception.

"The evening started with a cheque presentation to Crohn's and Colitis UK charity. The Ladies' captain Jo Kirkpatrick introduced Helen de Saulles, lead volunteer for the charity for the south Wales region and Rhian Francis, also a volunteer for the charity.

"Helen gave a short but informative talk explaining that Crohn's disease and colitis are both incurable diseases; and that with more fundraising and putting money into research, one day there could be a cure.

"Helen named a few celebrities who suffer from these diseases and who in their own way are helping to highlight the importance of the charity.

"The CCUK's campaign slogan is 'Not Every Disability is Visible' and these signs are appearing more and more in shops and restaurants and pubs."

Ms Kirkpatrick presented a £1,200 cheque to Helen and Rhian and informed all the ladies present that £1,300 had already been given to CCUK, raised from a garden party hosted by Jan Tattersall (£300) and from HSBC which matched pound for pound up to £1,000.

The spokesman added: "So a magnificent £2,500 in total. Jo thanked all the golfing ladies for supporting her Captain's Charity.

"A raffle and games were held to raise money for Children in Need. Lots of fun ensued and £150 was raised."

**November 10 hole competition results:**

**November 5: Sparklers – Winner, Sue Holland, 20 pts; November 12: Lisa Taylor, Muddy Slopes, 17pts; November 19: Jane Phillips, Pudsey Puddles, 21 pts.**

# Safety first for new scout group

*From left to right: Andy Moss, Julianne Paschal, Donna Parker and Mark Casling.*

**A GROUP of local children will now be staying safe and seen on the roads this winter following a donation of high-visibility vests to a Scout group.**

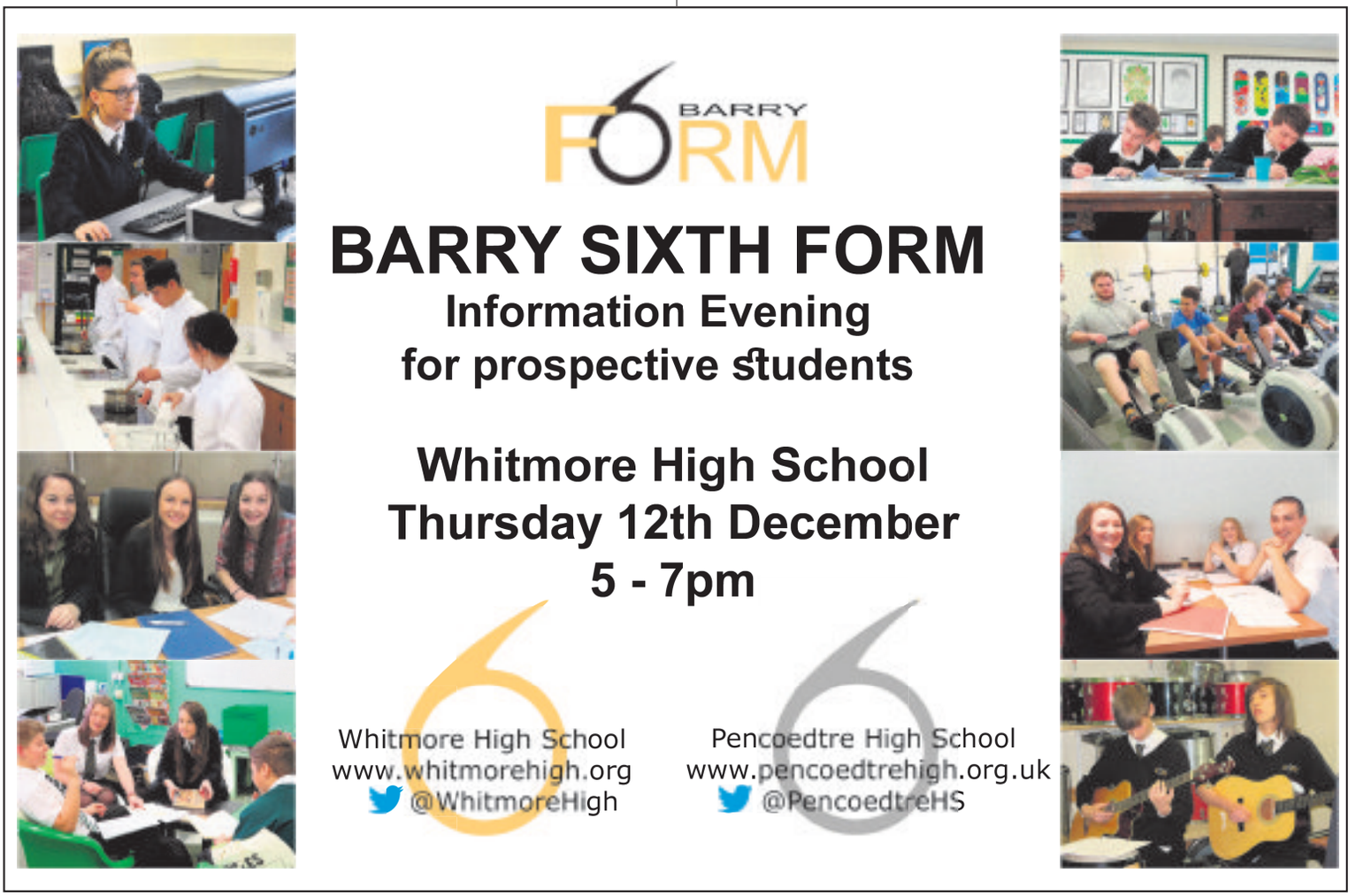
Specsavers in Cowbridge has donated 50 vests to the newly-formed 1st Pontyclun Scout Group, which recently set up a Beaver colony for six-to-eight year olds, and will be forming a Cub pack and Scout troop for older children in the new year.

Andy Moss, ophthalmic director at Specsavers Cowbridge, said: "With the dark nights closing in early, awareness of road safety is more important than ever, especially for youngsters who are out and about in the community.

"The new group is still on the hunt for adult leaders so we wanted to do our part to raise awareness of them to families in our community, and ensure that all members are kept safe as they take part in scouting activities."

Mark Casling, from Rhondda Cynon Taf District Scouts said: "Thanks to the generosity of the team at Cowbridge Specsavers, the children in our group can take their first foray into Scouting with us safe in the knowledge that they will be seen by other road users when they're out and about.

"It's a very generous donation and one we were delighted to accept."



# Out & About with The GEM

## Fleabag comes to Penarth

**THERE is a second chance to see Phoebe Waller Bridge's *Fleabag* in Penarth's Paget Rooms, recorded in front of a live audience at Wyndham's Theatre in London's West End, on December 10.**

See the hilarious, award-winning, one-woman show that inspired the BBC's hit TV series *Fleabag*, broadcast live to cinemas from London's West End.

Written and performed by Phoebe Waller-Bridge (*Fleabag, Killing Eve*) and directed by Vicky Jones, this 67 minute play is a rip-roaring look at some sort of woman living her sort of life.

Described as 'Witty, filthy and supreme' by the Guardian, *Fleabag* may seem oversexed, emotionally unfiltered and self-obsessed, but that's just the tip of the iceberg. With family and friendships under strain and a guinea pig café struggling to keep afloat, Fleabag suddenly finds herself with nothing to lose.

Playing to sold-out audiences in New York and London, don't miss your chance to see this 'legitimately hilarious show' (New Yorker), broadcast live to a cinema near you.

Tickets available online or by calling the Town Council Offices on 02920 700 721.

## Events in your area

### Enfys Craft Fair

**THE last Enfys Craft Fair for this year will take place on Saturday, December 7 at St Ffransis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry, CF62 6NX.**

Stalls include cushions, pencil cases, place mats, puppets, wood turned gifts, jewellery and Christmas cards.

The charity raffle is for Velindre Cancer Centre.

The next craft fair will be held on February 1; for more information contact Reg on 01446 792149 or Patricia on 01656 880784.

### Christmas Fair at CF61

**CF61 is hosting a Christmas fair on Saturday, December 7 from 12 noon – 4pm at CF61, Station Road, Llantwit Major CF61 1ST. Entry is free.**

Hot drinks 50p each, if you bring your own re-useable cup.

### Evening of Clairvoyance

**ON Saturday, December 7 an Evening of Clairvoyance with Tom Dodds takes place at Buttrills Hall, North Walk, Barry; a carol service will also be held.**

Doors open at 6.30pm, to start at 7pm; £5 entrance at door plus free raffle ticket. For further enquiries, please call 07737 704355.

### Friends of Ty Hafan

**A CHRISTMAS fair will be held by the Friends of Ty Hafan on December 8 at the Old School Hall in Sully, from 2pm – 4.30pm.**

Entry is free, but there is a charge to visit Santa's Grotto.

### Midwinter concert in Porthcawl

**PORTHCAWL Community Singers present A Midwinter Christmas Night on Saturday, December 7 at 7pm at All Saints' Church, Porthcawl.**

Guest performers are Chordis Caerlion Harp Ensemble. There will be a raffle and mince pies and wine in the interval. Tickets £6 at door or from choir members.

### Light Up Llancarfan

**JOIN us in Llancarfan on Sunday, December 8 at 7pm to light the village tree that kicks off the festive season!**

All are welcome to sing carols around the tree and to partake of mulled wine and mince pies – kindly provided by Rhi and Jim from the Fox and Hounds.

### Porthcawl Rotary Club

**PORTHCAWL Rotary Club's annual Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints' Church starts on December 2: public viewing is from December 3-7 from 11am-5pm and Sunday, December 8 from 11.30am-4pm. Refreshments and raffle (for hampers).**

On Wednesday, December 4 at 7pm, a Young Musicians competition will take place in the church, open to young people 17 or under. The Festival Choir Concert takes place on Thursday, December 5 at 7pm, free entry. The John Street collection will take place on December 14 and 20 from 9.30am–4pm and on Christmas Eve 9.30am–12pm. The Carolcade is on December 10, 12, 17 and 19. Route and times will be advised.

Rotary Post will operate as last year, with 25p stamps on sale in designated shops in Porthcawl until December 9.

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## Airport to host coffee morning for older people

**CARDIFF Airport, in conjunction with Age Cymru, is to host a coffee morning for older people from across the Vale.**

The event, which is free of charge will take place on Friday, December 13 between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

During the event there will be a taster session in Tai Chi, an activity increasingly popular with older people that helps improve balance, agility and flexibility.

There will be information about Age Cymru's campaign called Spread the Warmth, which provides lots of good advice about how older people can make themselves more resilient to the challenges of winter by, for example, keeping their homes warm and eating a healthy diet.

There will also be an opportunity to chat with airport staff and, as it's getting close to Christmas, there will be a gift for everyone at the event.

Age Cymru's Sarah Megson said: "We know that isolation and loneliness can be a huge problem for older people in Wales. Our research shows that more than 330,000 older people in Wales feel that a few minutes of conversation would make a huge difference to their week.

"Hosting a coffee morning is such a simple but effective way of connecting older people, helping them to make new friends and renew existing friendships."

If you'd like to come along, simply book your place by calling Age Cymru on 029 2043 1555 or emailing enquiries@agecymru.org.uk.

## What's on, and where?

### Art and Craft group

**LLANTWIT Major Art and Craft group will be holding their last meeting before Christmas on Friday, December 6 at 7.30pm at Llantonian Hall.**

Felix Butters will be demonstrating various ways to decorate your own Christmas wrapping paper. Visitors are welcome to join in for a £3 fee.

### Environmental husting

**VOTERS in the Vale are being invited to attend a Nature and the Environment Question Time Hustings on Thursday, December 5, at the All Saints Church Hall, Park Road, Barry at 6.30pm. The event is being held by Barry Action for Nature and is free.**

### Councillors' surgery

**LLANTWIT First Independent councillors will be holding a surgery at the Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major on Saturday, December 7 from 9.30am until 11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome.**

## Christmas concert at the Tabernacl

**TABERNACL Choir's Christmas concert is truly a festive occasion and will be held on Friday, December 6 in Tabernacl Chapel, Derwen Road, Bridgend at 7pm.**

The seasonal concert will feature Matthew Nash as conductor and Glenn Crooks as accompanist. Alison Shone (soprano) and Sian Cameron (mezzo soprano) will join the choir in the first half in a performance of Vivaldi's 'Gloria'.

During the second half, the concert will continue with a variety of carols to celebrate Christmas.

The Kwok sisters will perform duets on the piano, and Alison Shone and Sian Cameron will entertain with their chosen solos.

Tickets are £10 and include the cost of the programmes which contain congregational hymns and biographical notes on those taking part.

Please join in and begin your Christmas activities with this enjoyable concert.

# Karate kids drum up vital funds to support disabled residents

**THE Vale of Glamorgan Council's day service, New Horizons, recently benefited from a generous donation presented by Barry's Rising Sun Kyokushin Karate Club.**

At the club's annual tournament, 20 children took to the dojo to showcase their fighting skills.

Points were awarded for demonstrating the technical aspects of Kyokushin, as well as outstanding performance and contact.

The youngsters also raised £110 at the event, which was later donated to the Hen Goleg League of Friends Charity for New Horizons Day Service in Barry.

New Horizons Day Service offers a day service for Vale residents living with a permanent or substantial physical disability.

The service aims to enhance people's wellbeing by supporting their health, social life and independence, as well as maintaining and developing skills. The service relies on a team of dedicated and experienced staff and provides a range of therapeutic and creative activities.

The centre is equipped with a specialist gym and exercise classes and offers communal activities such as woodworking, crafts and music.

They also provide personal care, advocacy, support for communication, emotional support and respite for carers.

Lance Carver, director of social services said: "It's inspiring to see such a group of compassionate and conscientious youngsters – we're grateful for their donation. Contributions such as these can help ensure that disabled people have access to specialist exercise equipment."

**Send us your stories, photos and sports reports**

## Celebrate Christmas at Coytrahen Community Centre

**RESIDENTS are being encouraged to get into the festive mood and head to Coytrahen Community Centre this weekend for its annual Christmas Bazaar.**

This Saturday's event starts at 3pm and will include a visit from Father Christmas in a horse and carriage.

Festivities continue outdoors with a musical treat from Ogmore Valley Silver Band at 4pm followed by the Christmas lights switch-on at 4.30pm.

After the switch-on, there will be a spot of community carol singing led by Tom Green and his singers.

An event spokesman said: "Refreshments will be available on site, with plenty to keep you warm during the celebrations.

"Why not bring all the family along to enjoy this early evening Christmas celebration?

"Our annual Senior Citizens' Christmas dinner will take place on Monday, December 9 at 1pm in the community centre, to round off Coytrahen's full week of Christmas celebrations."

## Lions support Big Wrap appeal

**PRESIDENT of Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions, Sue Taylor, visited the Big Wrap event this week to hand over a cheque for £500 to help make sure Christmas reaches every child in the Vale.**

The Big Wrap provides presents to children and teenagers who might otherwise receive nothing or very little for Christmas.

Last year it provided Christmas presents to over 350 disadvantaged children and young people in the Vale and this year they are expecting even more referrals.

Working in partnership with local agencies, the Big Wrap is run by volunteers and relies entirely on donations from local organisations and members of the public.

Anyone with enquiries about how to get involved in the Big Wrap should contact Susan Lloyd-Selby by calling 07725 773746 or emailing bigwrap@yahoo.co.uk.

A spokesman said: "Donations to the Lions at events such as the recent Cowbridge Reindeer Parade and Llantwit Major Christmas market go towards supporting such causes. The Lions thank everyone who supports us."

## Latest from the Quiz League

**THE results from the Bridgend Quiz League for November 25 are:**

Division 1: Tondu Railway Club 47, Oldcastle A 42; Penybont AFC Nomads 56, Laleston Inn A 48; Chatterton Shunters 48, TyRisha Royals 44; Mackworth Arms 49, Crown Maesteg 42.

Division 2: Six Bells Clangers 50, Cabo Roche 50; Pheasant Pluckers 50, Prince of Wales Rebels 45; Laleston Inn B 46, Pheasant Gamekeepers 47; Oldcastle B 44, Tondu Railway Locos 41.

**Test your knowledge with these teasers:**

**1. Which TV snooker commentator once said 'For those of you who are watching in black and white, the pink is next to the green'?**

**2. Which disaster movie had its premiere in Tokyo in 1997?**

**3. What is the fibrous protein found in fingernails and hair?**

Answers: 1. (Whispering) Ted Lowe; 2. Titanic; 3. Keratin.

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# Headteacher 'thrilled' with Estyn's inspection

**STAFF, parents and pupils at West Park Primary School are extremely pleased with the recent judgements that Estyn have made about their school.**

Inspectors found that the very high standards of wellbeing are a notable strength of the school.

Pupils display exemplary behaviour around school and they show very high levels of care, concern and empathy towards each other.

A positive atmosphere for learning is created through strong working relationships between teachers, support staff and pupils.

The school creates a rich and varied curriculum for the children which is helping them to successfully develop as ethical, informed citizens.

They engage in themes such as 'peace and conflict', 'incredible oceans' and 'Banksy', which it was found has helped pupils to develop a deep understanding of fairness and equality and has made them eloquent advocates for environmental reform.

Pupil voice within the school is excellent and youngsters are highly active in the various pupil voice groups, which overall is having an exceptionally positive effect on developing pupils' skills as responsible members of the school community.

Children throughout the school use their literacy, numeracy, ICT and thinking skills across the curriculum and they make good progress throughout their time at the school.

Headteacher Mrs Morgan said: "I am thrilled with the report and it reflects how dedicated, committed and hard working school staff are in ensuring pupils receive an excellent range of learning experiences that they clearly enjoy, as well as continually striving to improve outcomes and progress of pupils."

# Chat to Pobl at West Quay Medical Centre

**STAFF at West Quay Medical Centre in Barry understand the importance of patients having a sense of wellbeing.**

Wellbeing doesn't just mean not feeling ill and affects everything we do, day to day.

The practice has its own Patient Participation Group which has been working to think of how a patient's sense of wellbeing can be improved, including their own.

A new group has been formed to help get people together, to get them chatting and to get them more active – called 'Pobl', which means 'people.'

Members of Pobl will be holding a small craft sale at the practice in Hood Road on Tuesday, December 10 from 11am.

There will be small handmade gifts for sale, at pocket money prices.

There will also be a small sale of books, including those which may be of interest to steam train or railway enthusiasts.

A 'memory tree' will also soon be available where it will be possible to remember important people by hanging either a tag or a small heart on the tree.

Little hearts will be available to buy on the day (and there will be members of Pobl available to chat on how patients can also get involved with the group.

Members of Pobl are trying to raise funds to enable a medical centre garden project to begin – aptly named 'The Happy Diggers' - and to save up enough to buy a 'sit and chat' bench.

All funds raised at the sale will be put towards the bench project.

A spokesman said: "Please come along and say hello; you will be made very welcome."

# Walking Nativity in Cowbridge

**HAVE you ever wanted to know what it actually felt like to be with Mary and Joseph at the time of Jesus's birth?**

Well, now you can. On December 15 (for one night only this year), come rain or moonshine, the Old Hall Gardens and Physic Garden in Cowbridge will be transformed into an exact replica of first century Palestine.

Perhaps that's overstating it a little, but there will be real people, real carols, and a real manger.

Churches Together in Cowbridge will be performing one of the most important stories Mankind has ever told and celebrating it afterwards with mince pies and mulled wine at Old Hall.

The Walking Nativity will be at 6pm on December 15, starting in the Old Hall Gardens just by Cowbridge library. It is free and there is no need to book. If you have any enquiries in the meantime, please call 01446 775048.

Please note that it will be dark and the Light of the World appears halfway through the story, so you will need to bring a torch.

# Latest news from Friendship Club

**IT was a fitting end to the Cowbridge Friendship Club's last meeting for 2019 when members were entertained by 'With Music in Mind' from Llantwit Major with their repertoire, together with many Christmas carols.**

A spokesman said: "Everyone agreed it was a very enjoyable afternoon, and then followed a festive Christmas afternoon tea.

"The next meeting of the Cowbridge Friendship Club will be on Thursday, January 30.

"We always have a variety of activities at our meetings and if you would like to know more about the club call 01446 774524."

# Campaign to stop violence against women gets council's support

*ABOVE: Partners, cabinet and staff with managing director Rob Thomas holding the VAW flag.*

**THE Vale of Glamorgan Council recently supported White Ribbon Day, a campaign to end male violence against women.**

Managing director Rob Thomas was among those to pledge their allegiance to the cause at the launch on November 25 by leaving a personal message in a book in the Civic Office reception.

Badges were on sale, as well as information about becoming an ambassador, while a white flag will fly outside the main entrance on Holton Road for the 16-day duration of the campaign.

It seeks to highlight the link between violence against women and human rights and runs from November 25, UN International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women to December 10, Human Rights Day.

By pledging, men promise never to commit, condone or remain silent about domestic abuse and all forms of violence towards women.

Mr Thomas said: "This is an important campaign that seeks to recognise the problem of male violence against women. As a council, it is important we show our support for such a worthwhile initiative and I was delighted to pledge my allegiance to the cause along with a large number of colleagues."

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# Cosmology corner with Norman Lloyd: The Crab Nebula

**THE Crab Nebula - FROM late autumn, one of the most studied and well known objects in the firmament is best placed for observing.**

The beautiful Crab Nebula is fairly easy to find from that most recognisable of constellations, Orion. Draw an imaginary line about 450 up and to the right from the bright orange coloured star Betelgeuse at Orion's shoulder to the equally bright star, Capella in Auriga.

About half way along that line you will find the star Beta Tauri. Tracking about a third of the way back to Betelgeuse you will come to the fainter star, Zeta Tauri.

A scan of the area just above this star should reveal a small faint smudge. Binoculars or a small telescope will show its oblong shape but not the intricate filamentary structure revealed by Hubble.

The Crab Nebula is so named because it looks vaguely like a crab: in reality it is a vast expanding cloud of dust and debris, the scattered fragments of a supernova.

This violent stellar explosion was actually observed on Earth as a 'guest star' by Chinese skywatchers on July 4 of the year 1054 AD.

The new star outshone Venus, becoming the third brightest object in the sky after the Sun and Moon. It was seen in the daylight sky for several weeks and was visible at night for nearly two years before fading.

It is believed that skywatchers of the Anasazi people in the American southwest also viewed the bright new star.

A rock painting from Chaco Canyon in New Mexico depicts a multi-spiked star (the supernova) near a crescent moon. Historical research shows that a crescent moon was indeed visible in that region of the sky on the morning of July 5, 1054, the day following the observations by the Chinese.

The Crab Nebula is known to be 6,500 light years from Earth so, as the supernova explosion which created it was observed on Earth in 1054, its progenitor star must have actually exploded around 7,500 years ago.

Having faded from view by July 1056, it was not seen again until 1731 when a faint nebulosity was recorded by the English astronomer, John Bevis.

The nebula was rediscovered in 1758 by the French comet hunter Charles Messier and it became the first entry in his Messier Catalogue, hence its designation M1.

William Parsons, the third Earl of Rosse, observed M1 through his large telescope in Ireland and described it as having the shape of a crab. Since then M1 has been more commonly called the Crab Nebula.

It was not until the 20th century, however, that astronomers realised that the nebula was expanding (by a billion km per day) and by reversing the expansion rate they traced it back to an incident which must have occurred 900 years previously.

As a result, the Crab Nebula was directly linked to the Chinese records of the 1054 'guest' star and is the first ever object to be recognised as a supernova remnant.

As a star approaches the end of its life, there is insufficient nuclear fuel remaining to produce the outward pressure needed to hold back the crushing force of gravity from its enormous mass.

At a certain point, the star collapses violently and the core is squeezed to unimaginable densities. Depending on the mass of the star, the remnant of a supernova explosion is either a neutron star or, in the case of high mass stars, a black hole.

At the centre of the Crab Nebula lies a neutron star - a tiny, dense rapidly rotating ball in which the electrons have been pressed into protons to form neutrons. It is thought to be only 18 miles (30km) in diameter but has at least 1.5 times the mass of the Sun. A teaspoonful would weigh around a billion tons!

When the core of the progenitor star was crushed into this neutron star, its outer portions bounced off and spread into space forming the great cloud of debris and cosmic dust which we know see as the Crab Nebula.

# Christina comes out on top in spelling bee

*ABOVE: Andrea Byrne, champion Christina and Karen Paullada.*

**LAST week the senior hall at St Clare's School, Porthcawl was buzzing with excitement for their inter-school Spelling Bee.**

The six primary schools who had accepted the challenge were West Park, Trelales, Cwmfelin, St Mary's RC, Oakleigh House Prep and St Clare's Prep School.

Competition was fierce, with each school's top year 6 or year 5 spellers all competing to be the Spelling Bee champion.

Pupils were required to spell a word in front of a panel of three judges, as well as a large audience of teachers, pupils and parents.

Despite the tremendous pressure of the final round, Christina John, a year 6 pupil from St Mary's RC Primary in Bridgend managed to overcome all the obstacles of the competition to succeed as the overall Spelling Bee champion. In second place was Noor Anjum from Oakleigh House Prep in Swansea.

Christina's proud mum said: "Christina's always loved reading since an early age and loves being curled up with a good book."

This year's judges were journalist and TV presenter Andrea Byrne, actress and writer, Karen Paullada and St Clare's sixth form English literature student, Grace Daunter.


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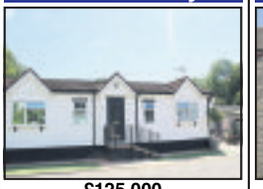

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# Tony Yates has his say on Hyundai's Tucson N Line

**THIS week's review puts me in the driving seat of the Hyundai Tucson N Line, a vehicle that I hope will tick all the boxes for many.**

**Power and Efficiency:**

Fitted with a 1,598cc CRDi diesel engine with 136PS @ 4,000rpm and 320Nm of torque at 2,000 - 2,250rpm. 0-62mph is around 11.2sec, and fuel consumption is a decent 48.7 mpg combined with a top speed of 112mph.

Now, I know from having many conversations with many people that everyone thinks the word 'diesel' is a dirty word. Well, I'm here to tell you it's not. I'm here to tell you it's ok to buy a diesel vehicle. Why would it not be? Letters on a postcard to the editor if you disagree with me on this one.

Also, it's a mild-hybrid meaning it's playing its part in moving with the times as well as saving you some money. So, what's the 48v system there for? Well, it's there to be on hand to help acceleration at key moments for optimum performance.

It does this by recouping the energy under braking – which it then stores away for use when you need it most. To simplify that, it makes a little extra bhp when you need it most, which I hope helps the Tucson stand out as a decent mild-hybrid.

**On the road:**

It's pretty nimble for such a large car: take the Tucson out on the open road, and you soon begin to feel just how well it grips. The chassis and the suspension also felt well-honed to what the wheels at each corner are doing – which makes for a thrilling ride for the driver as well as a solid performer out on the open road for someone looking for something a little bit 'sportier'.

**Design & Technology**

Standard equipment on the Tucson N Line starts with; 19" alloy wheels, N Line badging, N Line exclusive front and rear bumpers, N Line grill, N Line leather and suede seats, dual-zone climate control, auto headlights with dusk sensors, parking sensors front and rear, parking system rear camera, Bluetooth connectivity, DAB digital radio with six speakers, 8" touchscreen navigation, ABS, AEB, BAS, DBC (Downhill Brake Control) ESP, ESS, HAC, LKA (Lane Keep Assist) and VSM (Vehicle Stability Management).

**To sum up:**

What can I say – the Tucson is a great drive and perfect for someone who wants a vehicle that comes with a large amount of space and many extras for a reasonable amount of money. Hopefully, you will now go out and give it a test drive and see for yourself what the Tucson has to offer.

Price: from £28,010 (price as tested).

# Sky Notes look to the December skies

**IN December, the Milky Way is right overhead and the view through a pair of binoculars will show more stars than you can count.**

The different colours should also be apparent. If you are lucky enough to watch from a dark sky location, the Milky Way arm of our Galaxy should be visible to the naked eye but, if like most people your view is from a light polluted area, you may wonder what we have lost.

The square of Pegasus can be found in the south west and running from the top left-hand star of the square, we find the stars of Andromeda, where with the aid of binoculars we can locate the Andromeda Galaxy.

Just overhead and amongst the Milky Way stars is Cassiopeia (its five main stars form the letter 'W'). To Andromeda's left is Perseus, another fine constellation.

Perseus is well worth sweeping with binoculars as it contains some bright star clusters.

One of the best is known is the 'double' cluster, two small distinct groups of stars which can be seen in the same binocular field.

They lie about 8,000 light years away, may have 20,000 solar masses between them, and both clusters are moving towards our solar system.

Either side of the Milky Way we find Auriga with its bright star Capella and, to the left of Perseus is Taurus.

Here we find its two open star clusters, each visible to the naked eye; the Pleiades, (also known as the seven sisters - due to the number of stars that can be seen with the naked eye on a clear Moonless night. However, binoculars will show many more stars making up this show-piece of the heavens).

The other cluster is called the Hyades. You can tell the difference as the stars of the Hyades are more spread out and form a distinct 'V' shape.

Right in the middle of the group is a bright orange star, Aldebaran, although it is not a member of the group, lying closer to Earth than the cluster itself. The Pleiades stars are a much tighter group.

The Moon is below the planet Uranus on December 8 and on December 10, it forms a triangle with the Pleiades and Hyades, and on December 5 it will pass in front (occult) a naked eye star.

The time of the event is approximately 18.05, but you will need to begin your watch at least 20 minutes before.

The star will disappear on the dark limb of the Moon. Think of the Moon as a clock face and watch the area about 11 o'clock; use your binoculars and it is even better if they can be mounted on a tripod.

Two meteor showers are due in December. Unfortunately, the Geminids peak on December 14, but the Moon is full on December 12 so bright moonlight is likely to drown most meteors out. However, on December 23, the Ursid shower peaks – look below and around the area of the Plough.

Visit www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com for times of observing sessions and meetings.

**Dave Powell**

# Top tips for picking the best Christmas tree

**GEM readers have been offered ten top tips when it comes to choosing their Christmas tree to help ensure it lasts over the festive period.**

Plant experts from GardenBuildingsDirect.co.uk are encouraging people to read up about the differences between firs and spruces to make sure they choose the best tree for them.

A Christmas tree is, for many, one of the main symbols of Christmas, with the act of picking one signifying the start of the festivities. However, in order for the trees to take pride of place in the house, the correct size, shape and type of tree must be chosen.

A spokesperson for GardenBuildingsDirect.co.uk said: "Almost every house in Britain will have at least one Christmas tree in their house, whether it's real or artificial.

"For many, the smell of a fresh Christmas tree is the draw to choosing a real one, but in order to keep this, and the whole tree smelling fresh, there are a number of things that must be done.

"As with anything, preparation is key. Knowing the space it will be placed, the height and shape of the tree you want and being prepared to keep watering it will make sure it looks as good as new for as long as possible."

The top ten Christmas tree tips are:

1. Pick a quality tree stand – it should be sturdy to ensure there's no spillages over the festive season. Remember the taller the tree the wider the diameter, so this also needs to be taken into account. A stand which can hold a lot of water will also mean that watering isn't something else to add onto your to-do list.

2. Buy your tree at the right time – buy it too soon and it won't be looking it's best come the big day. Norway spruces usually last around 12 days, so not ideal if you're planning to buy in early December. Nordmann firs however, are excellent due to needles not dropping, but this does cause them to be more expensive.

3. Measure, measure, and measure again – there's nothing worse than picking the perfect tree, taking it home and having to cut at it. Before you leave home make sure you've measured the amount of space you can give your tree – width and height. You can then measure the tree before you purchase it. Don't forget to take into account the height a stand could give you!

4. Make a fresh cut – once you get home, cut off at least half an inch from the bottom of the trunk so the tree will begin to soak up water immediately.

5. Decide where to place the tree – putting your tree near sunny windows, radiators, heating vents and fireplaces can quickly dry it out causing it to die quicker. Keeping it away from busy areas will also help it keep its needles for longer.

6. Know what kind of tree you want – each tree species is different, so knowing what you want before you go to buy it can help save you a lot of time. If you have children or pets opting for a pine or fire tree means you there will only be soft needles. Spruce trees have much sharper needles which can hurt once stepped on. Trees with shorter needles are often easier to decorate as they offer more space between branches.

7. Trim any rogue branches – if you trim straggly branches, make sure it's at an angle parallel to the floor so they're not obvious. You can then use these branches to decorate fireplaces and bannisters, just make sure you keep them in water until you decorate.

8. Make sure the tree is securely in the stand – it is sometimes easier to place the tree in the stand outside to stop loose needles from falling inside the house. Tip the tree on is side and tighten the levelling clamps of the stand around the base of the trunk. Then lift the tree into the standing position before carrying it to its new home.

9. Maintain your tree's moisture – to keep your tree alive for as long as possible, make sure it always has a supply of fresh water. It may drink a lot over the first few days, but after around a week intake should slow down.

10. Check the tree's freshness – the best way to do this is to bend a single needle in half. A needle from a fresh fir tree will snap, whereas one from a fresh pine will bend but not break. Needles should also look shiny and green and shouldn't fall off when you lightly pull on a branch.

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## Family Notices

### REES
### Myron (John)

**John sadly passed away on 16th November 2019. A loving husband of Marilyn, wonderful father to Caryn, Sally, Jason and Gareth and cherished pops of Sasha, Thomas, Alexandra, Lily and Ned. He was greatly loved and will be sorely missed by all his family and friends. John was a foreman at Aberthaw power station before his retirement.**

Resting at Green Willow Funerals until his funeral service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Monday 9th December 2019 at 2pm.

Family flowers only, but donations in lieu can be made on the day of the service or directly to Dementia U.K.

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### VIGGERS
### John Soren

**Suddenly, but peacefully at The Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend on Saturday, 23rd November 2019, with his family at his side. Beloved husband to Sue, devoted dad to Richard, Huw, Laura, their partners and Jack the dog. Loved brother, nephew, uncle, son-in-law, brother-in-law, great-uncle and friend.**

***John will be sadly missed by all who knew him.***

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday, 9th December, service and cremation 10am at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry.

Family flowers only, donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation, a charity that was close to John c/o the funeral director.

### MASTERS
### Diane

**Passed away suddenly on Thursday, 14th November at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Diane of Kingshill, Porthcawl; much loved daughter of the late Ernest and Vera and a dearly loved sister of the late Andrew, will be sadly missed.**

Funeral service on Friday, 13th December at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Mawdlam at 11.30am, followed by cremation at Margam Crematorium at 12.30pm.

Donations in lieu of flowers, if so desired to the Kidney Wales Foundation, Cardiff c/o Richard Mustoe of Porthcawl Funeral Services, 75 New Road, Porthcawl, CF36 5DH. Tel: 01656 783699.

### JONES
### Merrill

**Suddenly at home on the 18th November Merrill Christine Jones sadly past away. Dearly beloved wife of Alan Joseph Jones of Cora Street, Barry. Dearly loved mother of Ann and the late Steve and son-in-law Dave. Cherished grandmother of Angharad and Matthew.**

***Merrill will be sorely missed by all her family and many friends.***

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Wednesday, 11th December at 11am.

Flowers may be sent to the funeral home prior to the service.

## Family Notices

### COLLINS
### Dorothy (Dot)

**Passed away peacefully on 19th November 2019 at the UHW.**

Funeral service Wednesday, 11th December at 11am at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Family flowers only.

### CLEMENTS
### Judith (*née* Redrup)

**On 24th November 2019 at The Sam Davies Ward, Barry Hospital, Judith sadly passed away. Dearly beloved wife of Owain. Loving mother of Tim and Cathryn and cherished grandmother.**

***Judith will be sorely missed by all her family and many friends.***

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Wednesday, 11th December at 1pm.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made to Sam Davies Ward, Barry Hospital.

### ROBERTS
### Thomas Rees

**Peacefully on 28th November, at home, Rees of Cowbridge (former proprietor of Roberts Sports shops); beloved husband of Kay, loving father of Matthew and Sarah, respected father-in-law of Alan and much loved papa of Molly and Lily.**

***Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.***

Funeral Monday, 16th December, service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 2.15pm, where friends please meet.

Family flowers only, donations if so desired for Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis c/o W.H Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun, CF72 8PN. Tel: 01443 223368

### PARRY
### Mike

**Passed away peacefully on 21st November 2019, at home. Cherished husband to the late Jill. Loving father to Jonathan, Nigel and Caroline. Adored grandfather to Freya, Ellie, Owain, Erin, Ryan, Thomas, Adam and Bethan. Beloved father-in-law to Harriet and Kim.**

***Mike will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.***

***He will live on forever in our hearts.***

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Monday, 9th December at 12pm at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, in lieu of flowers may be made to Tenovus Cancer Care.

### GADD
### Philip William

**Passed away peacefully after a short illness at Llandough Hospital on 27th November 2019, aged 77 years. Devoted husband to Jackie, loving father and grandfather.**

***Phil will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.***

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service in our chapel on Friday, 13th December at 2pm, followed by a committal service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Flowers may be sent directly to the funeral or donations in lieu of flowers may be made at the service to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice.

### CLARK
### Tameralda (Tammy)

**Passed away peacefully on 18th November 2019 at University Hospital of Wales with her family by her side. Cherished and adored daughter to Derek and the late Dilys. Loving sister to Cheryl, Graham and Nigel. Adored auntie to Sarah, Emma, Laura, Kerry, Jamie and Hayley and all her great-nieces and nephews.**

***Tammy will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.***

***She will live on forever in our hearts.***

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Monday,16th December at 11am at A.G. Adams Chapel of Rest, followed by committal at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium.

Family flowers only. Donations if desired in lieu of flowers may be made to Ty Hafan.

## Family Notices

# COATES
## Ernest William

**Cherished husband, father and grandfather, peacefully passed away at his home in Miskin on Monday, 25th November 2019.**

Service to be held at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Thursday, 12th December at 10.30am, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 12 noon. Donations in lieu of flowers to Cancer Research UK.

# FITZGERALD
## Gerald Martin

**Peacefully on Saturday, 30th November at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Gerald of Woodland Avenue, Porthcawl, formerly of Llantwit Major; beloved husband of Adell, much loved father of Lisa and a loving Bamps, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.**

Funeral service on Wednesday, 18th December at Coychurch Crematorium at 11.30am. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, to the British Heart Foundation c/o Richard Mustoe of Porthcawl Funeral Services, 75 New Road, Porthcawl, CF36 5DH, Tel: 01656 783699.

# BLADEN
## Violet May

**The family wish to announce the sad passing of Vi on 28th November 2019. Devoted and loved wife of the late Herbert, much loved mam, mother-in-law, nan and great-grandmother.**

***Vi will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.***

Resting at Roy Larcombe, 56/58 Carlisle Street, Splott until the funeral service at St Saviours Church, Splott on Thursday, 12th December at 1pm, afterwards to Thornhill Crematorium, Wenallt Chapel at 2pm.

Floral tributes may be sent to the funeral home.

# VELDA
## Marilyn (*née* Galsworthy)

**Passed away peacefully after a short illness at Llandough Hospital on Friday, 22nd November 2019, aged 70 years. Loving wife of the late Barrie, beloved mother of John and Jody, cherished grandmother of Jordan and Jenson.**

***Marilyn will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.***

Funeral service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Friday, 13th December 2019 at 12noon. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to Ty Hafan.

# HARVEY
## Paul

**Passed away peacefully on 22nd November 2019 at home with his family by his side. Cherished and adored fiancé to Ruth. Loving dad to Jason and Carl, step-dad to Kezia, Phillip and Ian. Adored grampy to Theo, Tessia and Josie. Wonderful father-in-law to Terri, Katie and Leighton.**

***Paul will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.***

***He will live on forever in our hearts.***

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Wednesday, 11th December at 4pm at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Donations if desired, to Marie Curie.

# GRIFFITHS
## Vera May

**Sadly passed away on 28th November at Marie Curie Hospice, aged 91 years. Beloved wife of the late John, much loved mother of Nicola and Nicholas, respected mother-in-law of Michael and Elaine, dear grandmother of Daniel, Sarah and Ross and Clare and Matthew and great-grandmother of Ethan, Reese, Lucas and Louie.**

***Will be sadly missed by all her family.***

Resting at Park Funeral Directors until the service on Friday, 13th December at 1pm at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Family flowers only. Donations to Marie Curie Holme Towers, Penarth, if desired.

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## In Memory

# EDWARDS
## Patricia Lillian (Pat)

**30.04.1928 - 5.12.2018**

***In Loving Memory of our precious Mother.***

*We lived in hope, we lived in vain, that God would make You well again, but God decided we must part. We watched you die, with a broken heart.*

*Love and miss you always,*

*Tommy, Tina, Yvonne, Maria, Gerald, Tisha, grandchildren & great-grandchilren xxx*

*It's a wonderful journey Nan from the old world to the new. Someday I'll take that journey, just to be with you, and when I get to Heaven, I'll put my arms around you Nan and we'll never part again.*

*Love Susan and Julian xxx*

*Until we meet again Nan*

*Those special memories of you will always bring a smile, if only I could have you back for just a little while, then we could sit and talk again, just like we used to do. You always meant so very much and always will do too. The fact that you're no longer here will always cause me pain. But you're forever in my heart until we meet again.*

*Love Anna, Ben & Kane xxx*

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

## Patricia Trudgian

**Never a moment from our thoughts.**

Love John, Jeremy, Jonathan, Jenny and all the family *x.*

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## Vic & Jenny

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*Love Vic x*

## Birthdays

## Happy 1st Birthday

To Our Darling Great-Grandaughter

## WILLOW BALL

on 9th December 2019

All our love always,
Grandma & Gramps
xxx

## Happy 13th Birthday Lovely Girl

## LACEY WILLIAMS- TUMILTY

*on 9th December 2019*

*We hope you have a great day.*

Lots of love and kisses,,
Nanny Hazel & Bampy Roy
*xxx*

## Birthdays

## Happy 80th Birthday
## Colin Barlow

on 8th December 2019

**Hope you enjoy the celebrations!**

**Lots of love from, Diane, Sarah, Jon, Trish & all your grandchildren & great-grandchildren *xxx***

## Happy 100th Birthday
## Gladys Kilby

***Sunday, 8th December 2019***

*To our dear Mum and Nan wishing you a very Happy 100th Birthday.*

*All our love,*
*Alun, Barrie, Cheryl,*
*Claire & Christopher xxx*

## Births

*Congratulations*

## *Nathan & Hannah*

*on the birth of*

## *George Arthur FRANCIS*

*27th November 2019*

*With much love from Mum & Dad, Tristan, Ning, Vincent, Talia, Sebastian & Benedict. Aaron, Julia & Caleb, Jotham, Helene & Balin xxx*

## Christmas Greetings

## *Hugh & Win Knight*

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## Thank You

## *THANK YOU*

## FRED AUSTIN

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*Also, thank you to all his friends and family for the wonderful presents and for attending his party.*

*God Bless you all, lots of love,*

***Fred xxxx***

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# Barry Town Vets are too strong for Penybont

**BARRY Town Vets over-55s got their season back on track with a comfortable victory over visitors Penybont last Sunday at Jenner Park.**

The result went some way to erasing memories of their first defeat for over a year against main rivals Swansea in their last outing.

Barry, fielding a depleted squad, were more organised and motivated than the visitors and as a result were the better side for much of the game.

Staddon, Jones, Gibbs and Gibbins were composed in defence, whilst Price, Welsh and particularly Dyke and Dupuy were winning the midfield battle, although in the first half neither keeper was troubled.

The hosts lost former Cardiff City captain Gibbins to a shoulder injury before the break but Brown stepped in seamlessly.

In the second half, the hosts were again the bigger threat and when former Barry player White was given a straight red by the official, in an otherwise competitive but clean match, they were able to stretch the opposition further.

Scorio Jones took full advantage, striding forward unchallenged to the edge of the box, where he unleashed a thunderbolt into the corner of the net to give the home side a deserved lead.

Strikers Bobbett and Sanderson were finally starting to make headway and both had opportunities, but when their teammates switched off for a second at the back, it took a superb headed clearance by substitute Taylor to keep them in front.

Nerves were settled minutes later when Dupuy's fierce strike hit the roof of the net and Sanderson made the game safe with a neat header to put Barry's title defence back in the their hands.

This Sunday (December 1) at 2pm, the over-50s have a must-win game at Jenner Park to maintain any hope of league honours this term. The following Sunday, December 8, sees the over-55s take on Merthyr in the cup, 11am kick off at Jenner Park.

**AH**

# Barry Skittles League – latest results

**THE latest results from the Barry and District Mens Skittles League are as follows:**

**Division 1**: Geest 259 (T Hawkins 26), Bunker Boys 279 (C Jennings 31), Cavaliers 287 (M Morris 31), Billy Whizz 279 (K Sansome, M Ingram 27), Sea View 343 (G Evans 36), Merrymen 344 (L Dodgson 37), Willie Wombles 267 (B Gratton 31), Park Lads 277 (D Lambert 29), British Rail 277 (B Cureton, K Brown 29), Posties 272 (M Rees, M Gallimore, I Jones 26). *League*: Merrymen 20, 49ers 20, Billy Whizz 14, Cavaliers 14, Blue Monkey 12, Willie Wombles 10, Park Lads 9, Bunker Boys 7, British Rail 6, Sea View 6, Posties 4, Geest 4.

**Division 2:** Mighty Dockers 258 (K Enticott, D Newton 25), Castle Boys 245 (N Hughes 24), Barry Park B 264 (A Martin 26), Exiles 242 (J Miles 28), Hairy Lemons 257 (J Birch, R Ryles 24), Cannon Balls 281 (D Cannon 29), Colcot Boys 261 (B Mathews, J Dancey, J Mccann, K Thomas 25), Tynny Lads 284 (S Germon 29), KP Rejects 346 (M Dawe 36), Park Rangers 341 (P Murphy 39), Witchill Poachers 344 (R Ashby 36), H Bells 339 (R Wills, T Cole, T Morgan 32). *League*: Cannon Balls 18, Tynny Lads 16, Mighty Dockers 16, H Bells 14, KP Rejects 14, Colcot Boys 10, Park Rangers 9, Hairy Lemons 9, Barry Park B 9, Witchill Poachers 8, Castle Boys 5, Exiles 2.

**Division 3:** BP Breakaways 274 (K Power 32), Cocoa Nuts 260 (M James 27), Abercrete 261 (Scott Miller, J Newton 26), Witchill Nomads 268 (J Ogston 30), Royalists 292 (G Davies, D Britton, C Casado 28), Billy Flyers 286 (S Taylor 29), Ex Servicemen 258 (D Wickham 30), Alternatives 258 A Harris 30). *League:* Billy Bluebirds 14, Alternatives 13, Royalists 12, Ex Servicemen 11, Cocoa Nuts 10, Billy Flyers 10, BP Breakaways 8, Witchill Nomads 5, C.U.D. 3, Abercrete 2.

View all results and league tables at *www.barryleagues.co.uk*.

**JW**

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# Glamorgan Farmers fall foul of a cleptomaniac crow on a visit to Whitchurch

**THE monthly meeting for members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held at the Whitchurch (Cardiff) Golf Club, attracting 30 participants, all attempting to win one of the many prizes – courtesy of the day's sponsor Mr Andrew Thomas of Herbert R Thomas & Co of Cowbridge.**

Despite the very wet weather leading up to the event, this very popular parkland course adjacent to the busy A470 was in good condition, providing players the opportunity to return quite reasonable scores.

At the close of play, a better back nine by Martyn Edwards proved crucial when finishing with 33 Stableford points to collect the Herbert R Thomas cup, seeing off the challenge of runner-up Dai Llewellyn, a previous winner of this coveted trophy, who also finished with 33 points.

Dai John, with 29 points, finished third followed by sponsor Andrew Thomas and competition secretary Ray Thomas, who both returned 28

New Cowbridge resident Mike Gardner with 33 points won the visitors' section with Kevin Mortlock finishing runner-up with 31. Robert Calcaterra on this occasion was just an also-ran!

Nearest the pin on the par-3 holes were Bryan Owen, Brian Jones, Ray Thomas and Dr Jon Brazier; and Andrew Thomas hit the longest drive down the selected hole to collect the Llanerch Vineyard and Restaurant sponsored longest drive prize.

An interested spectator perched close to the 18th green caused a few problems to Mark Rees, Tim Jarvis and Martyn Edwards who all had the misfortune to see a crow swoop down and fly off with their golf ball firmly in its beak – and accompanied by some unprintable advice. How many of the 27 recorded balls deemed lost suffered a similar fate will never be known.

This number was correctly guessed by Julian Golunski who returned home with the Pickeston Poultry sponsored prize.

Members are now focusing on their Christmas meeting at St Athan Golf Club scheduled for Thursday, December 19 and sponsored by Mr Martyn David of Pickeston Poultry.

**T.McC**

# Promotion means that Cowbridge Cricket Club are looking forward to life in a classy league

**YNYSYGERWYN at home is the mouth-watering clash that will launch Cowbridge Cricket Club into the excitement of the South Wales Premier Cricket League.**

Last season, the Neath Valley club were runners up in Premier Two and they have a long and distinguished record. Established in 1847, they have been finalists in the Village Cup at Lords twice and won the Dan Radcliffe no fewer than seven times.

The danger man is Yuvraj Odera, who scored 725 runs last season at an average of 45 and took 31 wickets. It will be a fascinating match which will tell us a lot about where Cowbridge might be when the last few matches are deciding promotion and relegation.

If there was a betting market, Ynysygerwyn would be one of the favourites.

The following week the team will travel to Carmarthen before Penarth visit the Athletic Ground for the first time in a generation. Then comes an away game at Ynystawe, another club who have graced the Lords turf in the Village Cup.

Old rivals Clydach are next up followed by Malpas, Chepstow and Gorseinon. Captain Chris Willey will be looking to have created a platform for a challenge to claim the one promotion place as these same opponents make up the second half.

The Second XI begin with a visit to Newbridge Fields where they are sure of warm welcome from Bridgend. The other Clubs in Division Two the Second XI will play are Penarth, Cardiff, Malpas, St Fagans, Newbridge, Newport, Chepstow and Neath. The Second XI will reap a reward for the club's promotion as there are some lovely places to play cricket amongst that list.

Captain Chris Willey commented that should his team win the Ynysygerwyn match, it would put a real marker down. Lose the game and there are still 17 fixtures ahead of them.

**JRB**

# Barry Chess Club latest

**EACH of the Barry Chess Clubs teams has played a league match in the past two weeks.**

The Camelots in division 2 were on a 100% winning run and took on the North Cardiff Panthers, who themselves were unbeaten with three wins and two draws. Something had to give and it did.

Matthew Davies and Tom Cooke won their games with Dave Parsons adding a draw. This was all we could earn, meaning the match ended in a draw and our record was gone. We remain in second place behind the Panthers but with a match in hand.

In division 3, the Quarks took an unexpected defeat away to the Caerphilly Rooks with Peter Watkins, Martin Ricketts and myself picking up draws. The match ended in a 3.5 - 1.5 win for the home side.

Subsequently the Gambits travelled to Whitchurch to play the Ravens. This time we returned with a big victory, taking wins from Ian Abraham, Peter Watkins and Martin Ricketts. The Ravens defaulted a board giving us a 4–1 win.

The division three league table shows the Gambits in fourth place on 18.5 points and the Quarks in fifth place on 17 points. The gambits are two points off the final promotion spot and the Quarks are four points away from the relegation spot.

If we can maintain these positions in May we will be well satisfied.

In division four the Stauntons did well against the Nelson Phoenixes. Ray Denyer had an excellent draw on board three and a returning Ashton Grey opened his account with a win. We may have lost the match, but 1.5 points is 1.5 more than expected before the match began. The Stauntons remain in ninth.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7:30pm most Mondays at the West End Club, St, Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but it is better to contact a member through the website first so we can explain what is happening on the night. For more details visit our website at *barrychessclub.yolasite.com*.

**PJ**

# Athletic Youth relish their 'underdog' tag

*LEFT: Pencoed Youth are on the attack.*

*Photograph by Julie Hancock.*

**BRIDGEND Athletic Youth travelled to Pencoed for an eagerly-awaited clash in the District Cup against a strong team who are top of Division 2, while the Ath are currently second in Division 3 with two games in hand.**

It was the underdogs who will go into the second round draw after a deserved and convincing 17–7 victory. The first 10 minutes belonged to Pencoed, who piled on the pressure aided by numerous penalties being awarded against the Ath. However, great defence kept the game scoreless.

The Ath then started to turn the game around and, despite a very wet and sticky pitch, started to attack from all parts of the field. Great handling by backs and forwards saw them attack from deep and take play into the Pencoed 22, where the Ath were awarded a lineout.

Great 'off the top' ball from outstanding second row Morgan Bennett saw scrum half Josh Tidy feed outside half Ethan White who popped the ball to No 8 Michael Gillette.

He charged through the Pencoed midfield, breaking tackles and fed flanker Sion Vigus who charged over for a great try, converted by Ethan White. This spurred the Ath on and they continued to attack from deep. Play went into the Pencoed 22 and the Ath won numerous rucks near the try line. Constant pressure saw hard-working second row Morgan Thomas (who the previous week made a First XV senior debut) drive over the line through three defenders, the conversion narrowly missed by White.

By this time the Ath were dominating possession and territory and the backs scored next. A great inside ball from White saw him feed winger Danny Osarigie just outside the 22. He stepped past the first defender and then powered his way over the line for an outstanding score wide out, the conversion hitting the bar and bouncing backwards, giving the Ath a 17–0 half time lead.

The second half started much the same as the first, with the Ath conceding five penalties in quick succession, resulting in Pencoed driving over the Ath line for a try wide out, superbly converted by their outside half. The rest of the game was a tight affair with the Ath defence, led from the front by captain Jack Obbard and outstanding flanker Ryan Neagle, quite oustanding.

The Ath had chances to increase their lead, but spurned two or three try-scoring opportunities. This was a great marker for the coaches to assess this young Ath team is and the boys can feel justifiably proud of their efforts.

*On and Off the Turf with Brian Lee*

# Connor's Taunton winner

**CONNOR Brace chalked up another winner when landing the handicap hurdle race at Taunton last Thursday (December 28) on Fergal O'Brien's *Dan Gun*, which went off the 2-1 favourite and came home two lengths ahead of the top-weighted *Zoltan Varga*.**

Earlier in the afternoon, Tim Vaughan's six-year-old *Adherence*, a 7-1 chance burdened with top weight of 11 st.12lb, won the handicap chase by three-and-three quarter lengths from Noel Williams' *Redmond* and was partnered by stable jockey Alan Johns.

At Newbury last Saturday, Ben Jones brought home the bacon in the £142,375 Ladbroke Trophy Chase on Emma Lavelle's *De Rasher Counter*. At Newcastle, Evan Williams' star hurdler *Silver Streak* finished third of five runners behind shock winner Cornerstone and the past two years' winner, the long odds-on, *Buveur D'Air*.

# Barry and District Clubs latest rankings and league tables

**THE results for the Barry and District Clubs are as follows:**

**Crib Division 1:** Cadoxton Cons 7, West End 8; Liberals 11, Rhoose Social 4; Romilly Railway 7, Moors Boys 8.

**League**: Romilly Railway 85, Liberals 82, Rhoose Social 79, West End 78, Cadoxton Cons 73, Moors Boys 73, Wyndham Cons 70.

**Skittles Division 1**: Slammers 1, Sea View Exiles 6; Liberals A 7, Rhoosters 0; Rhoose Social B 1, Allsorts 6; Rugby Club 5, King William XII 2; West End D 3, Rhoose Social C 4; Rhoose Social A 4.5, Liberals C 2.5; Cambrian Flyers 3, Barry Town FC 4.

**League:** Sea View Exiles 57.0, West End D 54.5, Rugby Club 45.5, Rhoose Social A 45.0, Rhoose Social C 45.0, Barry Town FC 42.5, King William XII 42.0, Liberals C 38.5, Allsorts 38.0, Slammers 31.0, Barries Boys 30.5, Rhoosters 30.5, West End C 30.0, Rhoose Social B 26.5, Cambrian Flyers 24.0, Liberals A 21.5.

**Snooker Division 1**: Penarth Cons B 0, Harbour B 5; Penarth Cons A 5, Rhoose Social B 0; Savoy B 1, West End C 4; Liberators 2, Wyndham Cons A 3; Cadoxton Cons Z 1, Cadoxton Cons B 4.

**League:** West End C 41, Harbour B 39, Savoy B 33, Penarth Cons A 30, Cadoxton Cons Z 27, Wyndham Cons A 27, Cadoxton Cons B 26, Rhoose Social C 16, Penarth Cons B 15, Rhoose Social B 15. *Liberators 6.

**Snooker Division 2:** Cadoxton Cons A 3, Market Street B 2; West End A 3, Sully Sports A 2; Wyndham Cons D 3, Market Street A 2; West End B 4, Services Social B 1.

**League:** Market Street C 32, Market Street A 31, Savoy C 29, Harbour A 27, Services Social B 27, West End A 26, Wyndham Cons D 26, Cadoxton Cons A 24, Market Street B 24, West End B 22, Sully Sports A 17.

* = Points deducted.

*View all results and league tables at www.barryleagues.co.uk.*

**JW**

# Vale of Glamorgan Football League round up

**THE form book was torn up and thrown out the window in the Vale Premier Division this weekend with some eyebrow raising results.**

Cadoxton Imps' aspirations to retake top spot were put on hold as they were held by third place St Athan in Wenvoe. Imps came from two down to salvage a point in a thrilling contest, where both teams had chances to win it at the end.

Penarth Town took the reigning champions Barry Athletic apart 7-1 in a surprise result at Cwrt Y Vil to romp to their second league win of the campaign, with David Shallis scoring five of the goals.

Cowbridge Town finally picked up their first win of the season as they comprehensively defeated Cogan Coronation 4-1 away at the Rec. Ben Boyd, Chris Richards and a brace from Lloyd Lewis lifted Town off the foot of the table.

In Division One, it's 'whatever you can do we can do too' from the top three. League leaders AFC Rhoose B sent out a big statement against bottom side SP Billy as they romped to a huge away victory, doubles from Kyle Cates and Sean Nash contributing to the victory along with other scorers.

Cadoxton Barry put Holton Road B to the sword at Bryn y Don. Goals from Drew Burniston and two each from David Evans and Arturs Zomeroskis handed the home side the win in their first game in two months. Barry Vikings also continued their good run as they saw off St Athan B 6-2 at Wenvoe. Rhoose B still sit six points clear of Cadoxton Barry and seven ahead of Vikings, but both sides still have two games in hand.

Island Marine B are back to winning ways as goals from Nathan Tucker and Jack Blackmore gave the home side a 3-1 victory in the Island derby over Barry Athletic B, to somewhat avenge the defeat a few weeks ago. The win keeps Island Marine B in fourth place.

Finally, Vale United edged Cwm Talwg 1-0 to get their first win in four league games, with Gareth Bevan grabbing the only goal in Corntown.

**HD**

# Local Lifeguards represent Wales at Commonwealth Championships

**FOUR local lifeguards recently competed for Wales at the Commonwealth Lifesaving Championships, an event which this year took place in Leeds.**

Jason Grice (Rhoose Lifeguards), Reuben Hopkin, Declan Ewington and Emily Parker (all from Vale Surf Life Saving Club) were part of a 20-strong Team Wales. They competed in the pool against teams from 12 countries including Australia, South Africa, Canada, Hong Kong, England and Scotland and came a creditable sixth place overall.

Assistant team manager Simon Parker said: "The team put in great performances and most delivered personal or season best performances. They all competed with a great team spirit and did Wales and their clubs proud."

Some members of the team are already training for the next Commonwealth Championships, due to be held in Windsor, Canada in September 2021.

# Table tennis and quizzing for Llantwit Boys' Brigade

**THREE members of 2nd Llantwit Major Boys' Brigade travelled to Southampton on Saturday to play table tennis.**

Although fourth (Southampton were the victors), Gabe, Mason and Thomas should be congratulated as they tried their best but were sadly outclassed. Southampton have made the national finals and play a lot of table tennis! The boys had a wonderful afternoon and are all now looking forward to the competition next year.

Next Saturday four members will travel to Tewkesbury for the second round of the Masterteam (quiz) competition. Good luck to Morgan, Luke, Gabe and Ciaran.

In the chess competition, 2nd Llantwit Major are waiting to find out their next opponent: either Newport Pagnell or Bloxham.

If anyone would like any further information about Boys' Brigade in Llantwit Major, please contact Debbie on (01446) 796208.

**DC**

# Latest local bridge club results

**RESULTS for Barrivale Bridge club on November 26:**

First, Peter Millar and Tim Barsby 60%; second, Mark Roderick and Simon Richards 59.58%; third, Mike Close and Mick Green 59.17%. The handicap winners were Alan Rees and Ann Richards.

New members are welcomed and a partner can be arranged. If you would like to join us, call: 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening. Classes and assisted play at the Pioneer Hall Fridays from 10am–12.30pm, Thursdays from 1.30pm–4pm at Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry CF634AP (the waterfront).

**Penllyn Bridge Club**: November 7, 22 pairs: first, Judith and Colin Nunn 63.41%; second, Eric and Ann Sparks 62.27%; third, Myrtle Hansard and Diana Lewis 60.91%.

November 14, 19 pairs: first, John Lord and Jo Ilsley 68.47%; second, David and Marion Stephenson 60.31%; third, Judith and Colin Nunn 59.69%.

November 21, 19 pairs: first, David and Marion Stephenson 66.48%; joint second, Allan Evans and Keith Price and Helen and Mike Ruttley 62.5%. November 28, 16 pairs Robert Brown Cup competition: first, Judith and Colin Nunn 75.32%; second, Eric and Ann Sparks 66.23%; third, Helen and Mike Ruttley 56.82%.

**Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club**: December 2: First, Tony Disley and Phil Felman 67.90%; second, John Evans and Steve Burgoyne 64.77%; third, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones 62.50%.

# Bridgend Bridge Club latest news

**THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are:**

The Club Mixed Pairs Championship was completed on November 29: First, Linda Pinnock and Steve Burgoyne; second, Debbie and Simon Richards; third, Debbie and Dave Lea.

On November 27: First, Emer Disley and Debbie Lea; second, David Bowen and David Crompton; third, Tony Disley and John Evans. The winners on handicap were Emer Disley and Debbie Lea.

On November 28, playing North-South: First, Stuart Davies and Dilys Bowser; second, Geoff and Christine Tinkler; third, Frances Heslin and Dee Finch.

Playing East-West: First, Linda Jenkins and Paul Lyne; second, Steve Burgoyne and Joan Ralph; third, Richard and Maggie Ashpole.

Regular club nights take place at 7pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. On Thursdays at 2pm, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome. For more information, contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or email *steve@steveburgoyne.plus.com*.

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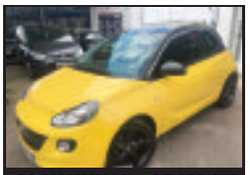

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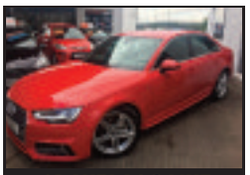

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# After last year, the only way is up for Sully Sports RFC

*Former Wales international Aled Brew recently put on a guest training session at Sully Sports RFC.*

**WHEN you're labelled the worst rugby team in Wales and the WRU throw you out of its league structure ,you know it's time for a change.**

Sully Sports RFC, who play in Division 3C south east, reached rock bottom at the end of last season, losing its last game by over 100 points, and the club knew its future depended on making a change.

Over the summer they held talks with former international referee Dave Bodilly, who had recently moved into the area about becoming the new head head coach.

Once agreed, Bodilly got to work on re organising the club and so far this season, results are encouraging, putting the club in mid table.

Dave told The GEM: "After last season, players weren't exactly banging on the door for pre-season, so we had to build from scratch.

"After we won our appeal to stay within the WRU league structure it was imperative we fulfilled every fixture, so we had to make training organised, structured and fun. Numbers have improved as the season has developed, and now we are getting 15-25 players training. "We have recruited Mike Bishop as our forwards coach. I knew Mike when he played Premiership rugby for Glamorgan Wanderers. He was a outstanding hooker and very astute both on and off the pitch."

As well as the players, club's the committee have also rolled up their sleeves, backing Bodilly at every level and supporting the players both on and off the pitch.

Dave continued: "We looked a pub team, so we managed to get a couple of sponsors, which enabled us to buy warming up jackets, new kit and post match shirts.

"The players now feel part of a club, feel part of something. We still have a long way to go, but we are miles from where we were."

Last week, Bodilly arranged for former Wales international and current Bath player Aled Brew to come along and do a training session.

Dave said: "Despite the weather conditions, Aled turned up and gave a great session, which the players thoroughly enjoyed. I am planning more guest coaches; it's great for the players to hear a different voice and new ideas"

Sully are currently mid table ,having played all but one of the top sides of the league. Bodilly added: "We have become very competitive, and we continue to improve. We have developed cover in most positions, but we still welcome new players each week. We are also keen to reach out to the community, so we need players, volunteers and sponsors, without whom we can't run the rugby club."

So, here at The GEM, we are not going to pass up the chance to ask an obvious question.

Given Dave's career as a referee, do his players understand all the rules and go through a game squeaky clean with a zero penalty count against them?

He said: "Well, I think we have made progress in that area, but we do still get penalties against us."

And does the head coach stand quietly on the sidelines if he disagrees with the ref's interpretation?

"Well, I do lose my temper sometimes at some calls against us, but I always make a point of having a drink with the referee and discussing the game afterwards. I understand how difficult it can be."

Sully's next fixture is home to Whitchurch RFC on December 7, kick off 2.30pm

**Report by Philip Irwin**

# New book is a must for point to point fans

**VALE hunt-racing enthusiasts will want to avail themselves of the Big Green Annual Point-To-Point Racing Calendar 2020.**

All the proceeds of this well illustrated calendar, which also carries a full fixture list, will be going to Cancer Research UK.

There are quite a number of small photographs, as well as the 12 monthly big pictures and included in these are Isabel Williams, Jack Tudor, Byron Moorcroft, James Bowen, Jodie Hughes and Ben Jones, who are all no strangers to readers of the GEM's On And Off The Turf column.

At just £14 including postage and packing, it can be obtained from John Beasley, 30 Thistlebarrow Road, Bournemouth, BH7 7AL or phone 01202 309489, e-mail *john@johnbeasleypix.co.uk* or see *www.johnbeasleypix.co.uk*

Meanwhile, Vale trainers Evan Williams and Tim Vaughan both saddled winners last Thursday (November 28) but at two different meetings.

Evan's course winner *Golden Whisky* landed the handicap chase under stable jockey Adam Wedge at Ffos Las and Tim Vaughan's *Adherence* took the handicap chase at Taunton with Alan Johns in the saddle.

Heavy ground specialist *Golden Whisky* had two-and-a-half lengths to spare over Sam Drinkwater's *Some Can Dance* and the top weighted *Adherence* scored by three-and-three quarter lengths from Noel Williams's *Redmond*. *Golden Whisky* was returned the 4-6 favourite and *Adherence* was a 7-1 chance.

At Ffos Las, the National Hunt Flat race went to Sam Thomas's *Mario De Pail*, ridden by Carmarthen's Ben Jones, who 24 hours earlier had won the handicap hurdle at Hereford on Emma Lavelle's *Pemberley*.

Also in good form at Ffos Las was Sean Bowen, who was successful on *Air Horse One* and the Rebecca Curtis trained *Special Princess*.

Connor Brace, who like Ben Jones has had a cracking season, riding the Fergal O'Brien trained *Dan Gun,* won the handicap hurdle by two lengths from *Zoltan Varga.*

**Brian Lee**

# The Mules and the Generals – an unusual rugby scoreline

**KENFIG Hills had worked hard all morning on November 23 to get the pitch playable for the WRU Conference Central derby between Kenfig Hill Second XV and Bridgend Athletic Generals in the WRU conference.**

Bridgend Ath elected to play uphill first half, with the emphasis on a shutout and use of the slope to their advantage in the second half. Due to shortage of available backs in the club this weekend yet again, the Generals were forced to reshuffle.

The Ath General forwards, directed by stand in scrum half Josh Seldon, were getting through a fair amount of work trying to break the gain line. They had some success through the contribution of returning hooker Lewis Down, well supported by fellow front row Morgan Clemett and Lewis Dando. Unfortunately, handling errors allowed Kenfig Hill to turn the ball over and clear their lines.

Cameron Lewis was directing the backs from outside half. Locks Matthew Tellem and Aled Pilliner carried strongly from the rucks. Harry Harries and Ellis James in the back row worked hard alongside captain Aaron Mordecai, who again stood out with his work at the base of the scrum against a strong Kenfig Hill pack.

The last quarter of the half saw the Athletic pinned inside their 22 with Kenfig driving line outs and scrum advantage setting up wave after wave of attacks. Mordecai picked up from a retreating scrum behind his own try line, allowing Liam Phillips to clear to touch.

A strong Athletic tackle on the touchline was not very well received by the Kenfig Hill backroom staff and spectators, which resulted in several people entering the field and spectators and being dismissed from the playing area. The Athletic managed to hold out a strong scrum from Kenfig on their try line and were relieved to hear the halftime whistle.

It was now the Athletics' turn to use the slope, kicking to the bottom corner and pressuring the home line out.

The second half plan was put in place with an emphasis on playing to the corners and pressuring Kenfig into errors. The forwards were freshened up with the introduction of Geraint Lang and Ellis Bull who both got stuck in from the off.

The Athletics' constant kicking to the corner and putting Kenfig under constant pressure. However, they survived and the game ended in a 0–0 scoreline.

# A sad evening for the Cowbridge Darts League

**NOVEMBER 26 was a very sad evening for the Cowbridge Darts League.**

That evening, Trish Kinman, a player with the Edmondes A, took ill suddenly and passed away. Trish was not only a player, but she has been the league treasurer for many years.

Results from that evening are as follows: The Victoria Inn beat the Farmers Arms 17-7, the Highwayman Inn beat the Edmondes C 16-6 and the Edmondes B beat the Red Lion Inn 16-4.

The match between the Town Hall Criers and the Edmondes A was abandoned and the Hairy Farmers had a bye. In the match between the Edmondes B and the Red Lion, Martin Thomas (Edmondes B) hit a 180.

Present league standings after seven weeks are: Edmondes B (88 points), Highwayman Inn (79), Victoria Inn (74), Farmers Arms (64), Edmondes C (57), Hairy Farmers (55), Edmondes A (53), Town Hall Criers (50) and the Red Lion Inn (46).

Next Tuesday, December 10, a full set of league matches is scheduled. The Edmondes A hosts the Edmondes B, the Farmers Arms hosts the Highwayman Inn, the Victoria Inn hosts the Town Hall Criers, the Edmondes C hosts the Hairy Farmers. The Red Lion Inn have a bye.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are always welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at *cowbridgedarts@gmail.com*, up-to-date information can be found at *www.darts.apsn.co.uk*.

**PJT**

# Back to rugby action for Barry and Cowbridge

**FOLLOWING a break for Wales against the Barbarians, Cowbridge RFC are back in action this Saturday.**

Following close defeats in the last two fixtures against Aberdare and Treharris, the boys will be keen to get back to winning ways at home against Abercwmboi. Abercwmboi are currently two places below and six points behind.

The following Saturday we are again at home against bottom of the table Caerphilly, who we defeated 3-42 away in the first game of the season. There is then a break until Llanishen away on December 28.

**RV/RK**

**BARRY RFC travel to Ynysybwl, hoping to get back to winning ways after a hard November where they met the top three in the table.**

A coach will leave the club at 12.30pm for players and supporters for the 2.30pm kick off. The Club Lottery rolls over to £5,800 this week after last week's numbers 02-16-20 and 24 failed to produce a winner.

**AJ**

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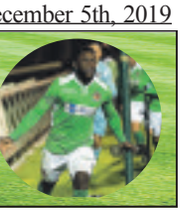

# Pivac avoids the pitfalls in an encouraging debut

## Wales v Barbarians report by Philip Irwin

**WAYNE Pivac has had a long wait since being appointed heir apparent to Warren Gatland, and it must have been frustrating for him.**

Therefore, this win for Wales over the Barbarians must have left him encourged. The 43–33 scoreline flattered the Baa Baas. At 40–19 with 20 minutes to go, Wales had a chance to make it look like a drubbing, but when both sides emptied their benches, the game became untidy and the old hands in the Baa Baas cashed in.

In the end, Leigh Halfpenny was booed by (some of) the crowd when Wales decided, with three minutes to go, to make the margin a safe 10 instead of a nervy seven by kicking a penalty.

When Pivac was appointed he had three problems to deal with, and none of these was going to go away after one game.

Here they are (as they say on Strictly) in no particular order.

**1.** Wales' traditional lack of depth. There's not a lot that the coach can do about this. It's down to the development system but it is a worry that the Welsh regions have not exactly lit up the season so far. For instance, at outside half Jarrod Evans was a big plus, but Sam Davies didn't match him when he came on.

**2.** What you might call the David Moyes problem. Taking over from a long-serving and successful coach, as Moyes did at Manchester Utd, is a problem in most sports. Social media has encouraged a collective lack of patience in fan groups and there isn't much of a honeymoon period.

**3.** Problem three is very much of Wayne's own making, because under his guidance, the Scarlets played some wonderful rugby, running more powerful outfits ragged by playing an open, off-loading game.

Some fans will be looking for more of the same, but does Pivac has the personnel in the Welsh squad to do it at the very top level? One thing we do know is that a fit Jonathan Davies was important to the Scarlets (and to Wales, of course) and Pivac will have to do without him for the Six Nations. Ditto, as they say, for Rhys Patchell - also likely to miss the Six Nations.

Aaron Shingler was another big player for the Scarlets in their great year, but he has had injury trouble too, so can Pivac look to him?

The key question is, can Pivac coach any group to play that positively, or did he join the Scarlets when they had the right personnel?

Well, there did seem to be some answers to this question in the game against the Barbarians. The days when the Baa Baas over-indulged on tour are long gone, and they tackled fiercely and were a threat when they had the ball in hand.

However, the Welsh back line looked threatening right from the off, and Jarrod Evans looked really accomplished when it came to getting the line moving.

Does he do this for The Blues? He has the happy knack of threatening to go for the break and passing late to the centres, giving them more room. He made Hadleigh Parkes look a yard faster than he was in Japan and the two wingers, Josh Adams and debutant Johnny McNicholl, had plenty of opportunities.

The game proved to be a pretty brutal test of fitness. The Baa Baas opened with a non-stop attack lasting a minute and a half, and when Wales finally got hold of the ball, it was end to end with no break in play until the five-minute mark.

As the two sides tried to get their breath back, Jarrod Evans went blind, ghosted through a gap and fed Josh Adams. Perhaps Adams could have passed inside to Evans, but the Welsh left wing knows where the line is these days, and stood up full back Shaun Stevenson and grounded the ball in the corner.

Leigh Halfpenny split the posts with the conversion.

On 18 minutes, it looked as if captain Justin Tipuric had scored after a smart grubber kick through by scrum half Tomas Williams. Unfortunately, Aaron Wainwright was about a foot ahead of the kicker when the TMO took a look at it.

We were seeing a lot of Wainwright, playing at No 8 this time. In Japan, he excelled as a defensive No 6, and he has the skills of an open side as well. For this game, Pivac was clearly keen to get him out in midfield, coming at speed onto short passes from his No 10, and he and Evans worked this tactic very well.

However, the Baa Baas were tackling fiercely, and they levelled the game after a fine move that took them upfield. With a penalty advantage, No 10 Curwin Bosch kicked for the corner, and it was perhaps just two feet too long for the winger Cornal Hendricks to take the ball and score.

It was only a temporary respite for Wales though, as No 8 Josh Strauss scored a decidedly non-Barbarian try, using his strength to crash over after being tackled five yards out. Bosch's conversion brought the game level.

To emphasise that it was a serious game, we had a good old-fashioned brawl on 28 minutes, sparked by a hit on Josh Adams that was close to a tip tackle. Referee Nigel Owens stepped in to calm things down, without resorting to a card.

Five minutes before half time, Wales made it 12–7 with a clinical finish. A half break from the scrum by Tomas Williams, to Jarrod Evans and Johnny NcNicholl was in at the corner.

There was still time for Wales to launch another attack, and really fast hands put them almost clear. Eventually, Ken Owens was forced into touch a yard from the corner flag.

This left Rory Best throwing in for the Baa Baas and something went drastically wrong, as his long throw found Ken Owens all alone in the end zone, needing simply to catch it and fall down!

Halfpenny's conversion made it 19–7.

Just before half time, the Baa Baas' No 7, Marco van Staden, picked up a yellow card, so Wales faced 14 men in the second half. Within three minutes they had made it 26–7, after an excellent handling move involving McNicholl, Halfpenny and Shingler, which ended with Ken Owens scoring his second try.

Four minutes later it was even better for Wales, as Williams took a quick penalty, made 30 metres at pace, and he must have been surprised to find prop Wyn Evans in support! Evans did his Hadleigh Parkes impersonation, putting Josh Adams in for his second try. Halfpenny converted again to make it 33–7.

Soon after, the substitutions started. Gareth Davies repaced Tomas Williams and Sam Davies replaced Jarrod Evans. It's fair to say that the former substitution worked better than the latter.

On 54 minutes, the Welsh backs' defence went awry, and Curwin Bosch slipped through a huge gap. He could not convert his try, making the score 33–12.

They scored again four minutes later when Bosch kicked low to the corner and a wicked bounce went over Halfpenny's head for Shaun Stevenson to score. The TMO and Nigel Owens debated whether Baa Baas wing Dillyn Leyds had impeded the Welsh full back. You had the feeling that in a close game, they might have called it a foul, but the try stood and the conversion made it 33 - 19.

There was no great concern for Welsh fans at this point, and they soon scored again. Tomas Williams had had a good game, and this stirred Gareth Davies to show what he could do. He made a sharp blind-side break, and squirmed out of the tackle to reach out and ground the ball. Another Halfpenny conversion made it 40–19.

The game seemed safe but the Baa Baas were not prepared to lie down. Prop Craig Millar went over under the posts, and then a flowing move was brilliantly finished by Schalk Brits, who flipped the ball inside so flanker Pete Samu could go over.

Suddenly, it was 40–33 to Wales.

There had been an emotional send off for the Irish hooker, Rory Best, playing his last ever game before retiring. His replacement, Schalk Brits, was also retiring, and he enjoyed the last 10 minutes. Wales had returned to the attack in an attempt to make the game safe, and they had a penalty just five metres out. Tipuric elected to go for the scrum, but Brits and his fellow front rowers engineered a series of collapsed scrums, grinning from ear to ear until Nigel Owens read the riot act.

Even then, Wales could not secure clean possession and in the end, Tipuric instructed Halfpenny to make the game safe.

All in all, it was a good day for spectators, and a good day for Pivac. We saw a back line that moved the ball quickly and with intent, and half backs Williams and Evans were a big part of that.

On top of that, we saw some fine handling among the forwards, and there was a great moment in the first half when props Wyn Evans and Dillon Lewis handled like Fijians!

Not the Scarlets of two years ago, but a few steps along the road to that promised land.

The Six Nations should be very interesting.

# Llantwit Major AFC Reserves produce a great fightback

**AFTER being 3–1 down, Llantwit Major Reserves scored late in a dramatic comeback with goals from Stuart Lindsay, Stephen Phillips and a Gethin Jennings brace.**

Llantwit Major AFC Reserves made the short trip to Pontyclun eager to put right their past encounter, 5-2 in October.

With 10 minutes on the clock, Llantwit looked the more dangerous, having the majority of the possession. It was a Jennings cross which eventually found Stuart Lindsay at the back post for a close range shot to break the deadlock.

Moments later Pontyclun levelled and with their tails up, they continued to pepper the Major back line.

Just before the break, the home side won a penalty and took the lead.

The home side added to their tally after a defensive mistake to make it 3-1 in the 50th minute and Llantwit started to run out of ideas against solid opposition.

Three changes saw James Vickers, Angus Mitchell and Luke Beattie take the field and from then the game was flipped on its head.

Llantwit looked like a different team as a gung-ho approach was encouraged. Gethin Jennings got Llantwit within one as he peeled to the back post and smashed left footed shot past the keeper.

Attempts from Mitchell, Beattie, and Lindsay gave the team hope a equaliser was on its way and with 86 minutes on the clock, that much-deserved goal came. A Jennings free kick cross was met by the persistent Stephen Phillips as his front post run lost his marker and his header flew past the keeper.

Llantwit looked the more likely to score the winner as Pontyclun looked dead on their feet with all the momentum with the away side. It ended 4-3 to Llantwit as the man of the match Gethin Jennings, with a carbon copy of his first goal, scored in the 90th minute.

The reserves showed a great mentality to come back, scoring three in 15 minutes and it's the fourth time this season they've managed to score late on in games.

The next game is on November 14 vs Penydarren at Windmill Lane.

**JT**

# Frustration for Firsts as chances go begging

**LLANTWIT Major AFC first team welcomed Cambrian & Clydach to Windmill Lane, hoping to get back to winning ways after suffering defeats in their last two away games at Haverfordwest and Ammanford.**

At the same time, Llantwit were looking to improve their home form – only one win this season in the seven competitive games played to date. However it was not to be, despite a vastly improved performance, with the game ending in a 0-0 draw.

With a number of injuries to key players and players having to play out of position, Llantwit made a promising start playing against the strong wind in the first half. On the half hour mark, Llantwit striker Rob Jones cut in from the edge of the area and his left-footed shot was tipped over the crossbar by keeper Dan Bradley for a corner.

Three minutes later, Llantwit had a golden opportunity to score when center forward Ben Cripps was put through on goal, but his shot from around 12 yards out was pushed away by Bradley for another corner. Half time arrived with the game goalless.

With the wind behind them in the second half it was Llantwit who created the early pressure and within a minute of the restart, once again Bradley had to make another fine save, tipping the ball over the crossbar from a Llantwit corner kick. Further pressure in the 65th minute saw Bradley again having to make a fine save from Ben Cripps.

Llantwit's Jack Lansdown was called upon to make a fine save in the 67th minute from a rare Cambrian attack.

A minute later, Bradley denied Llantwit winger Lewis James, tipping his shot from around 20 yards out onto the cross bar and to safety. He again made another fine save from a shot from Llantwit midfielder Mike Hartley in the 70th minute.

In the 72nd minute, Llantwit's Ben Cripps had another golden opportunity to open the scoring when he cut inside and beat a few defenders but as Bradley approached, his shot went over the bar. Cripps created another opportunity for himself in the 88th minute but his left-footed shot went wide. However, despite Llantwit's missed chances they nearly came unstuck in injury time when Cambrian spurned a chance when their player shot wide from around 18 yards

The draw leaves Llantwit in 11th position in the league table. Llantwit's next League game in the JD Cymru South Championship is home to Cwmbran Celtic on Saturday, December 7, kick off 2pm.

**Llantwit Major:** *Jack Lansdown, Jonathan Butler (Jake Sutch 45) Jamie Miller, Sean Williams, Kyran Gardner, Jonathan Fletcher (capt), Nathan Jones, Rob Jones (Lee Pratt 84), Mike Hartley, Lewis James (Max Morgan 72), Ben Cripps.* Subs not used: *Glyn Davies, Barry Whitelam.*

Llantwit Major AFC – weekly lottery draw December 1. Numbers: 12, 13, 17 & 19: There were no winners and next week's jackpot has increased to £1,570.

**DJ**